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**There once was a man of legendary strength.**

**He was thought to be even more powerful  
than Germany or England.**

**But then...something went wrong.**

**This is the story of Hetalia and his  
delightful friends from around the world.**

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# Meeting of the World

Let's join hands and solve all the world's problems, one by one!

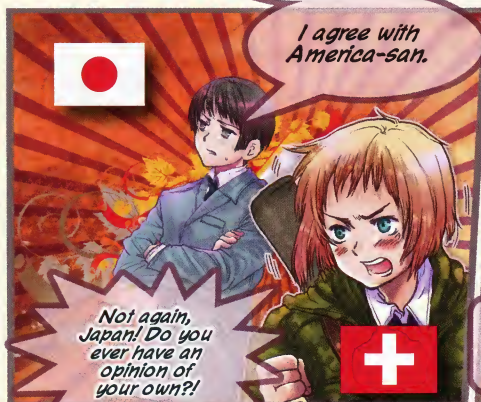
All right guys, time to start the world meeting!



Don't be afraid to voice your honest opinion!



We've learned a lot over the years, so if we all work together, there's nothing we can't overcome!



I agree with America-san.

Not again, Japan! Do you ever have an opinion of your own?!



Let's start by tackling the issue of global warming. I know that's a hot topic right now, but I think we can keep it in check if we create a giant hero to protect the planet.

By the way, nobody is allowed to disagree with me.





Make  
up your  
mind!!

I disagree with  
both America  
and England!



I object! This  
plan has no  
basis in reality,  
whatsoever!

And it's not "learned,"  
you git! It's "learnt"!  
It's a disgrace to the  
Queen's English!

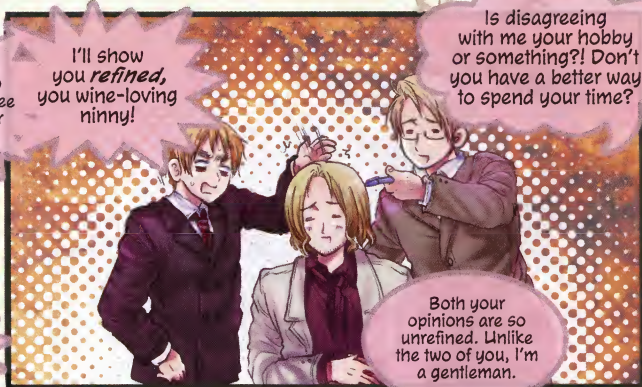


Bring it!  
Let Big Brother  
show you how  
to rumble!

Sit down!  
I'm going to rip  
that scruffy goatee  
right off of your  
chin!

Sigh. Not  
again-ar.

Calm  
down,  
guys!



Is disagreeing  
with me your hobby  
or something?! Don't  
you have a better way  
to spend your time?

Both your  
opinions are so  
unrefined. Unlike  
the two of you, I'm  
a gentleman.



We don't  
want any!

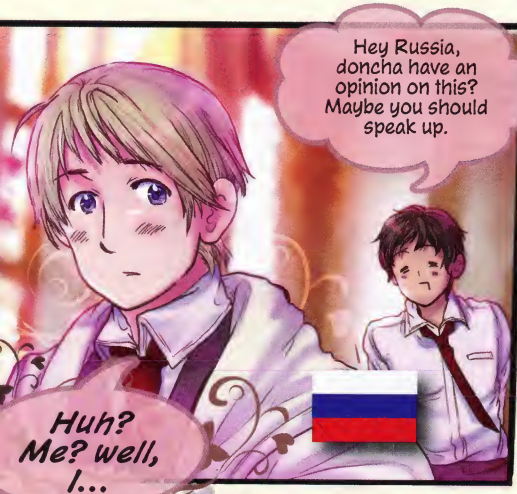
Are they free?



You're all  
so childish! Can't  
you act like adults  
for once?

Why don't  
you chew on  
some snacks and  
calm down, all  
right-ar?





Hey Russia, doncha have an opinion on this? Maybe you should speak up.

Huh? Me? well, I...



Hm...? Oh, I was just thinking about the cause of Homer's death...

I guess we ain't got much choice but to wait here and sit this out, huh?

YAMMER

Take that! Britannia Fork!

Ha ha ha! You can't beat me with an attack like that!

[Homer] A Greek poet.



Sounds great, right, Latvia?

NOD NOD



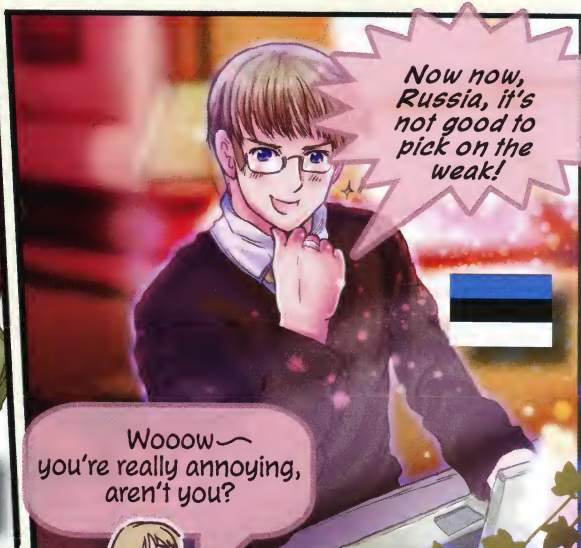
Lithuania, I want to see you begging on your hands and knees with tears in your eyes!



Like, cut it out! If you keep harassing little Lithuania, I'll totally apply the Poland rule and make Warsaw your new capital!

いよき

annoyed



Now now, Russia, it's not good to pick on the weak!

Woow~ you're really annoying, aren't you?





Waaah!  
Nobody  
wants my  
snacks-aru!

Shut your  
mouth, or I'll  
subjugate you  
for another  
100 years!

Please calm  
down...

Hahaha! Nice  
fight, you two!  
Now does anyone  
have any hamburgers?  
I'm starving!

Oh no you  
don't, Yankee!  
Big Brother's  
going to teach  
you a lesson!

You don't  
want another *Der  
Kongress tanzt* do  
you? Can't we sit  
down and talk like  
respectable human  
beings?!

Germany...

**EVERYONE  
SHUT UP!**

This meeting  
was to solve  
problems, not  
create new ones!



[*Der Kongress tanzt* ("Congress Dances")] After the death of Napoleon, the European leaders met at Vienna to determine the future of their war-torn nations. However, the meeting was made fun of because the members ended up dancing as much as talking.

All right,  
everyone back  
to your seats.  
I'll be running this  
meeting from  
now on.

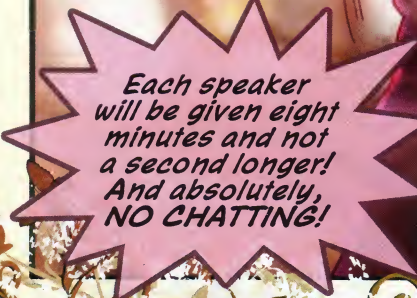
Y-you're right.  
Forgive me, I  
lost myself in the  
excitement.

Hmph. Well, as  
long as you understand.  
And no more 100-year  
subjugations.






*Those who wish to speak must support their opinions with valid research and data!*



*Each speaker will be given eight minutes and not a second longer! And absolutely, NO CHATting!*




Germany, you look like you're ready to murder someone.




That settles it. Whenever you're prepared to speak, raise your hand.


ゴゴゴゴゴ



Even though you're not compromising at all...



I think that's a wonderful compromise, Germany.



Hmph. Very well. I give you permission to speak, Italy.



OH, ME ME!  
LET ME GO!







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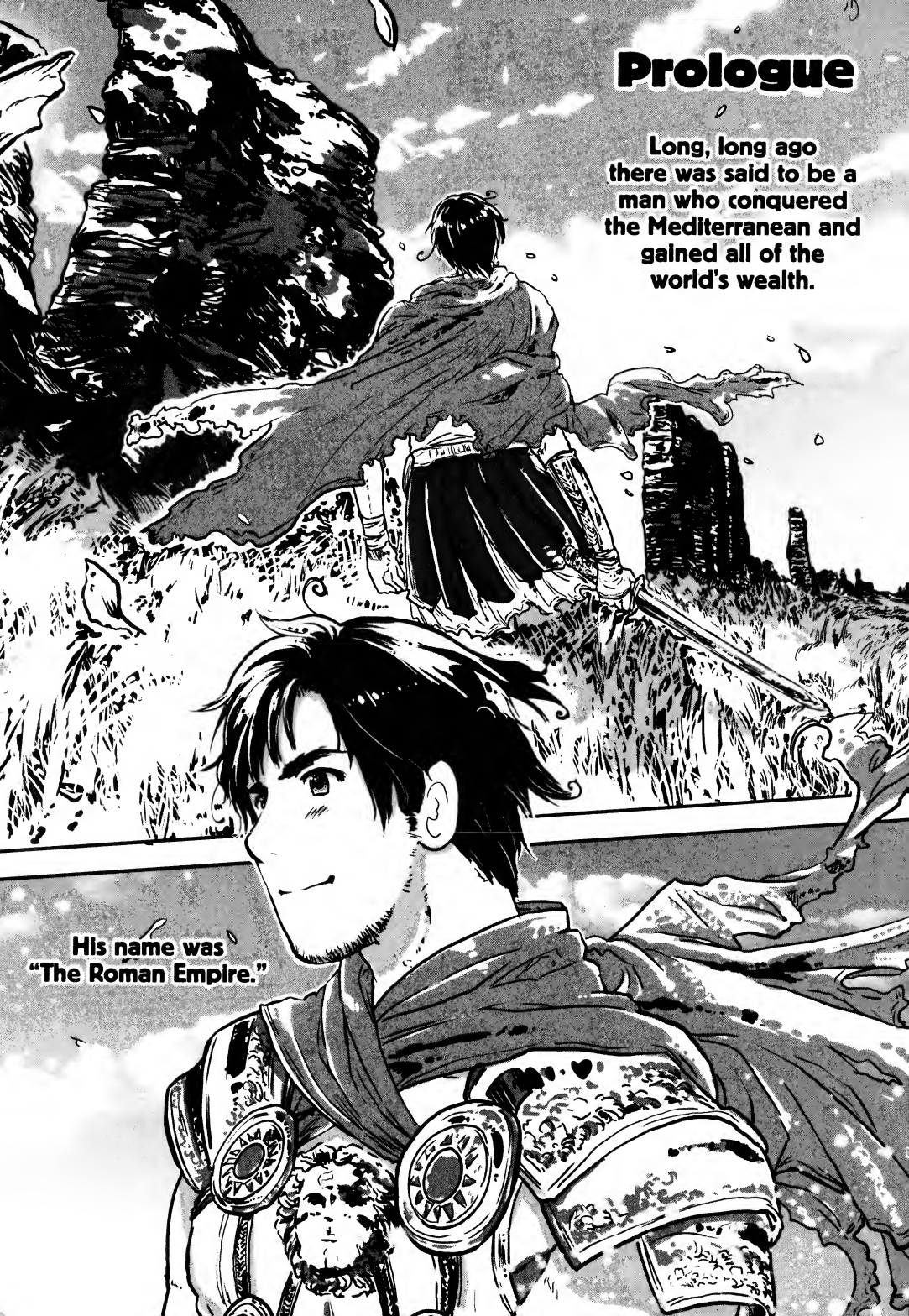


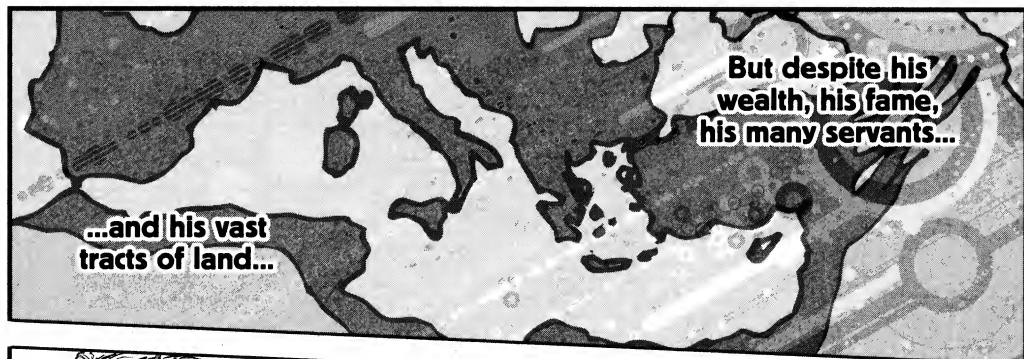


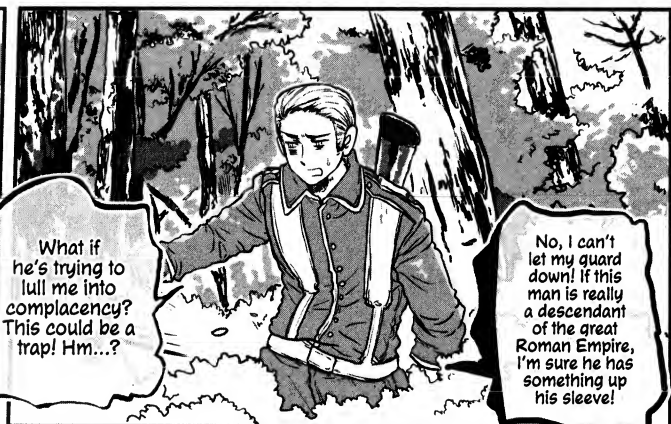
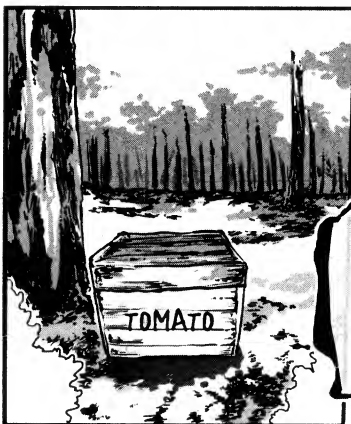
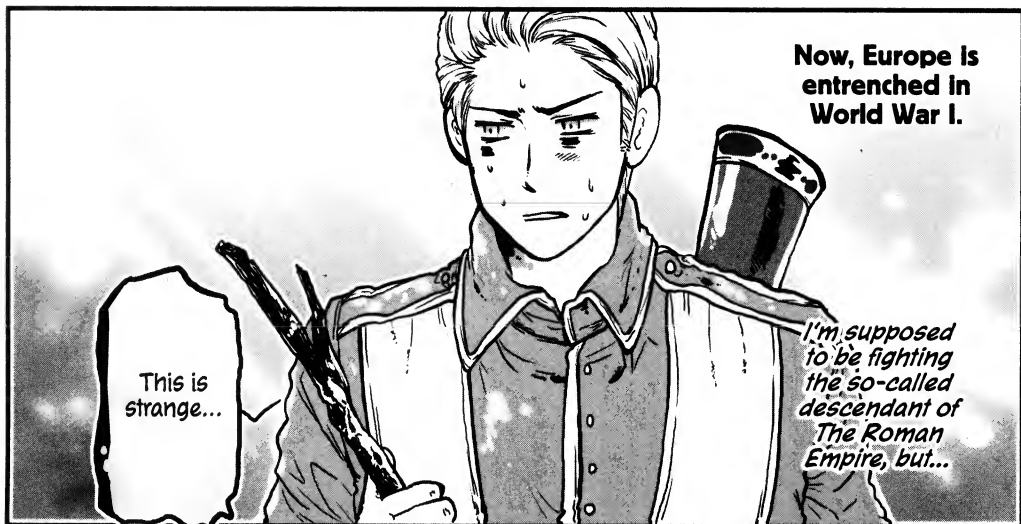
# Prologue

Long, long ago  
there was said to be a  
man who conquered  
the Mediterranean and  
gained all of the  
world's wealth.

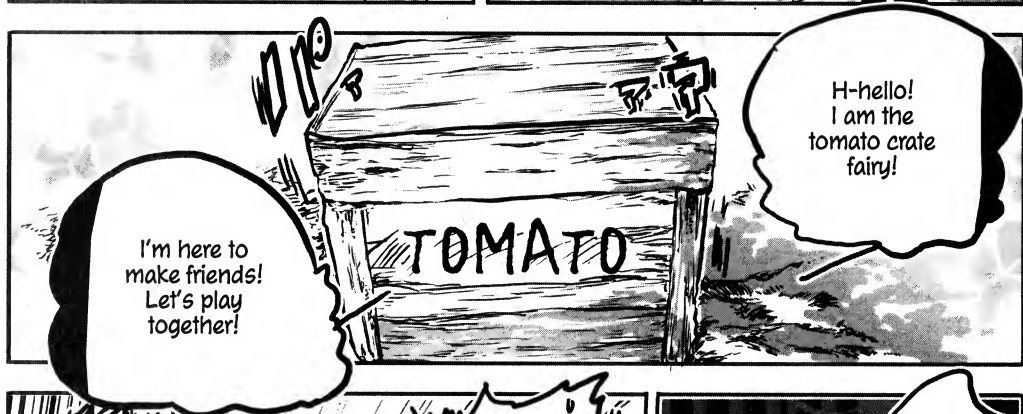
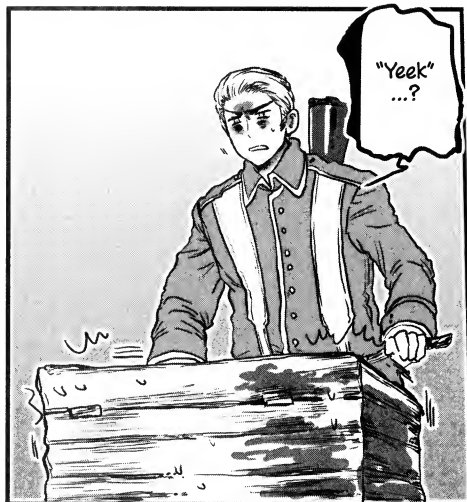
His name was  
"The Roman Empire."







[Wurst] German sausage. Stuffed into animal casings. It is said to have been created by nomadic tribes from Northwestern China and passed down to Europe.

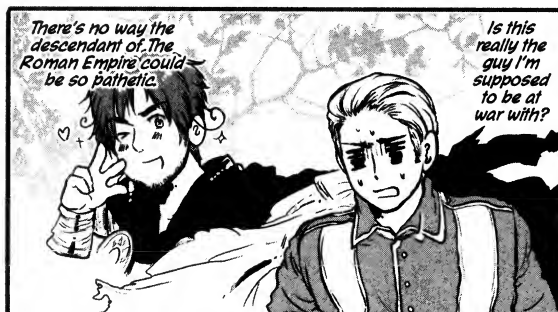






Please don't shoot! I'll do anything! Forgive meeeee!

Waaaahh!  
I'm sorry!  
I'm soooooorry!  
I'm not really a tomato fairy at all!



There's no way the descendant of the Roman Empire could be so pathetic!

Is this really the guy I'm supposed to be at war with?



I'm just an ordinary Italian! I have relatives in Bayern!

You wouldn't want to kill an innocent virgin, would you?



Answer me one thing.

A-are you really my enemy? A descendant of the great Rome?

Don't I get a last meal?! Can't I eat pasta before I dieeee?!



Yeah, there's no way...but then again, what the hell is this?

He's probably just an ordinary citizen, like he said.

This can't be right. There must be some sort of mix-up.

["I have relatives in..."] This was a line frequently used by Italians to try to avoid getting killed. (Example: To an American soldier, one would say, "I have a relative in Brooklyn.") So what?

*This useless  
little twerp is  
really Italy?*



I thought  
you were  
pretty scary  
at first, but  
if you know  
Grandpa, you  
can't be  
that bad!

I'm Italy...  
Rome's  
grandson. I'm  
a delightful  
scamp who  
loves pizza  
and pasta!



Huh...?  
You know  
Grandpa  
Rome?

I just wanna  
be frie--  
yahhhhhh!



**YOU  
CAN'T  
TRICK  
ME, YOU  
PASTA-  
LOVING  
DUMM-  
KOPF!**

He's putting  
up an innocent  
front to catch  
me off guard!  
That little  
bastard...



NO! This  
is obviously  
a trap!

At the time,  
Germany had no idea  
this encounter would  
change his very destiny.



?

Mrgn?





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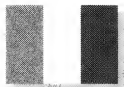
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## North Italy

[Official Name]  
Repubblica Italiana  
[Capital] Rome  
[Official Language] Italian  
[Birthday]  
March 17th, 1861 (Italy unified)  
[National Flower]  
Daisy

The descendant of the powerful Roman Empire, he somehow fails to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather. His full name is Italy Veneziano.

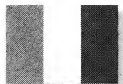
Frequently spacing out, excessively expressive and prone to fits of whining and crying, he can often be found flailing his arms and legs needlessly. He also has a tendency to hum, sing, speak irresponsibly and touch people a little too much. Despite these numerous vices, the other countries in the world are strangely tolerant of him.

His hobbies include art, design, cooking and taking siestas. He is known to love pasta, pizza and cheese.

*"I'll do anything you say, just don't hit me!"*



# HETALIA AND HIS MERRY FRIENDS



## South Italy

[Official Name]  
Repubblica Italiana  
[Capital] Rome  
[Official Language] Italian  
[Birthday]  
March 17th, 1861 (Italy unified)  
[National Flower]  
Daisy

Another descendant of the powerful Roman Empire, he also fails to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather. His full name is Italy Romano.

Even after unification, he is not on good terms with his brother, perhaps due to the fact that they were separated for many years.

Although he is cheery and kind towards women, he tends to be less tolerant of men (excluding himself, of course). In particular, he is openly rude to Germany and France. Generally clumsy and incompetent, he is surprisingly good at pickpocketing. His culture, sense of taste and even personality have been passed down from Spain. He loves pasta and tomatoes. His hobbies include flirting, farming, cooking and taking siestas.

*"Eat lead, you potato-sucking bastard!"*



# HETALIA AND HIS MERRY FRIENDS



## Germany

[Official Name] Bundesrepublik Deutschland  
[Capital] Berlin  
[Official Language] German  
[Birthday] Unknown  
[National Flower] Blue Cornflower

*"Not you again!!"*

While the rest of Europe was flourishing, Germany was impoverished by constant war. Surrounded by the self-absorbed Austria and the sexually-aggressive France, he is forced into a turbulent lifestyle. To make matters worse, he is frequently harassed by both his tyrannical boss\* and Italy.

Germany is excessively serious, always following rules and regulations to the letter. However, after a few beers, he begins to let loose, allowing his pent-up frustrations to explode. He is judicious at everything he does, but technologically illiterate. For example, every time he uses a GPS, he is struck with a sudden urge to use the bathroom. His hobbies include saving money, cleaning, baking and walking his dog.

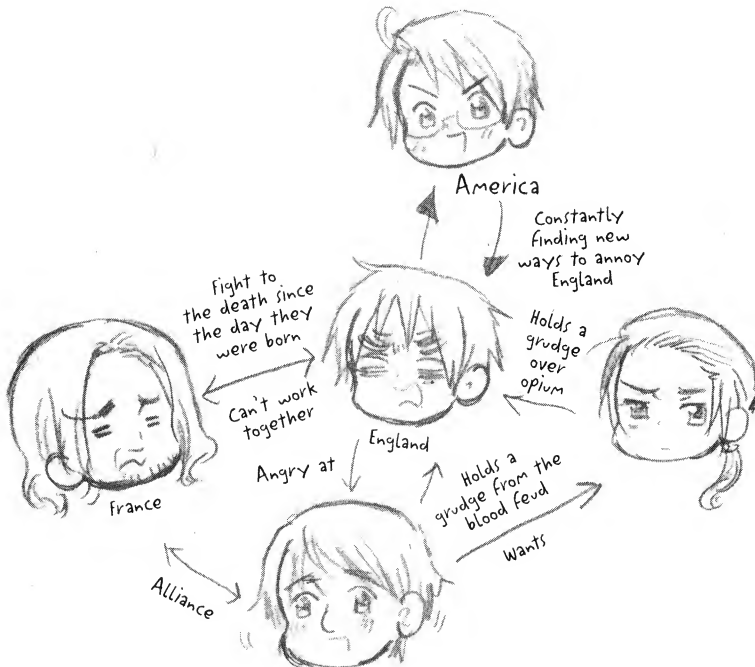
Although he would never admit it, he loves to tour around Italy.



\*Boss: Meaning, the Fuhrer.



## A quick summary of the global climate.



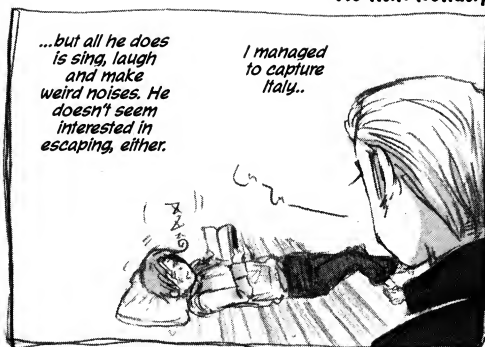
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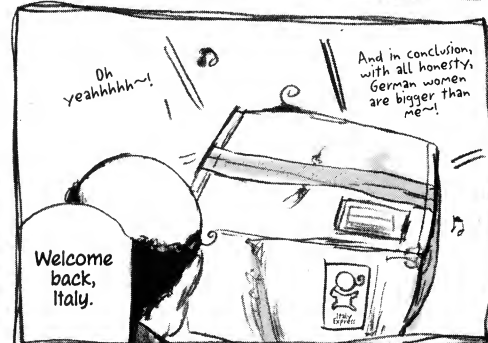
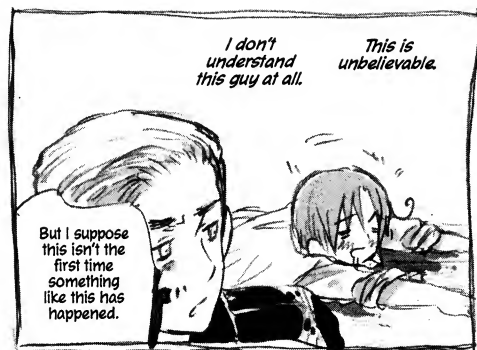
"Hey Germany! Germany! I  
was flirting with some girls and  
somehow ended up in prison.  
Can you come bail me out?  
Also, I could use some pasta..."







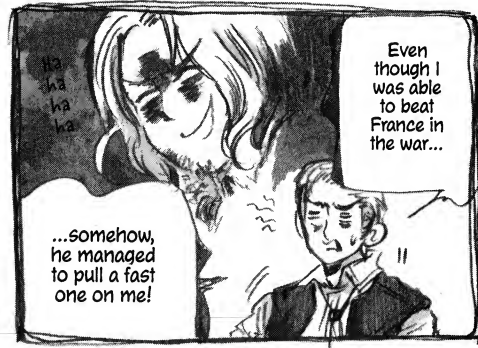
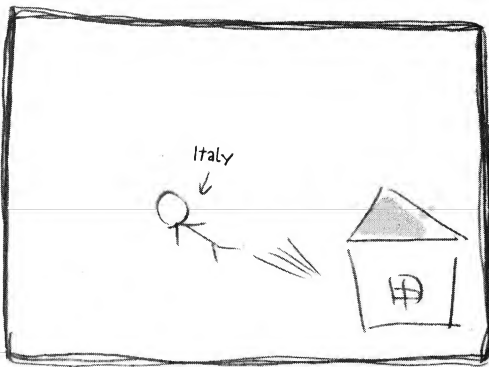
# 50 Reasons Why We Love Germany



[Russia in WW1]

Apparently the Russian soldiers were frequently short on weapons, clothes and food. When they were released from German prisons, they were said to be terribly depressed.

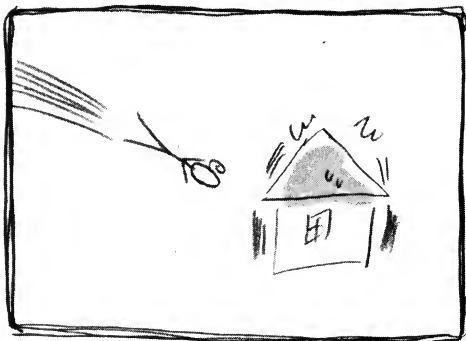
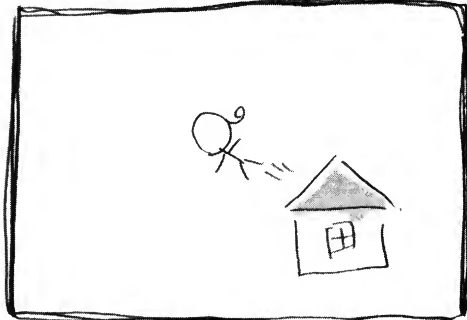
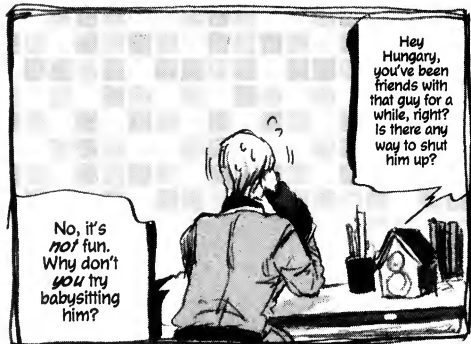
Boss: Meaning the head honcho in their country.



[Hyperinflation]  
After the war, Germany printed massive amounts of marks to make payments to France as quickly as possible. Obviously, this caused the value of their money to tumble. The cost of living increased 300 times in one month, and sometimes the cost of a drink would change by the time you finished it.

[“France pulled a fast one”]  
Burning with resentment, France declared that Germany (and its allies) were responsible for WWI. Not only that, they demanded 192 billion marks in reparation. If payments were ever late, Big Brother France, who loves to swoop in at opportune moments, would take over the Ruhr region.

# Germany Obtained A Shield Of Destruction





I just wanna be friends!  
Let's form an alliance!

I've spent my whole life under other people's control, but I've always wanted a friend. I have a feeling we could make a great team!



Germany!  
They threw me back!

What do you want?!  
Leave me alone!



And thus, the two countries formed an alliance.

But yeah... friends!  
This is good!

Ha ha ha!

Of course it is!



If I'm in a bind, you can help me out... and if you're in trouble, I'll come running to the rescue!

A... friend... huh? I guess I've never had one either. I'm not sure how this works.



The alliance only added to Germany's troubles.

Thanks for the water!  
Now I can make pasta again!

Kindly refrain! You're going to end up dead trying to cook pasta in the desert!

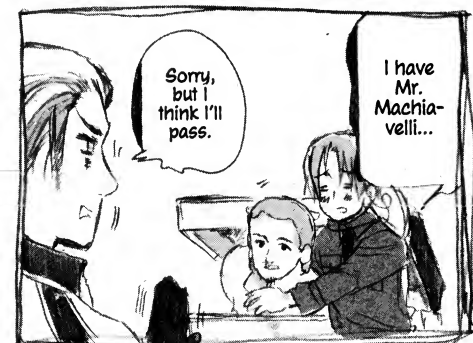


However...

Germany!  
Germany!



# Something More Important Than Tanks



[Niccolo Machiavelli]  
Wrote the famous treatise "Il Principe" in response to Italy's dismal political state in 1513. Sadly, when his political theories were put to the test, it turned out to be another "Hetare" (Japanese for "useless"). Military theorist Carl von Clausewitz (might have) said, "Well, he's not wrong per se. Not wrong, but..."



Germany and Italy were captured by the English military.

All right, spill it! What are you plotting?

Don't point a gun at me! I'm sorry! I'll tell you everything!

Yeeek! Noooo!

Torture me all you like, but I won't say a word! You're wasting your time!

Watch out, this guy is a total sadist! He has a big collection of these creepy sex DVDs and stuff. One of them even had a dog! I think tying people up gets him off! I hear his government even encourages that kinda stuff!

Do you have any idea what I have to go through on a daily basis? Your torture would be like a mosquito bite to me!

I hate you!

I suppose so, but try to keep it clean. Be careful with the flour and oil...

Germany! Germany! I wanna cook a special dinner just for you! I can use your kitchen, right?



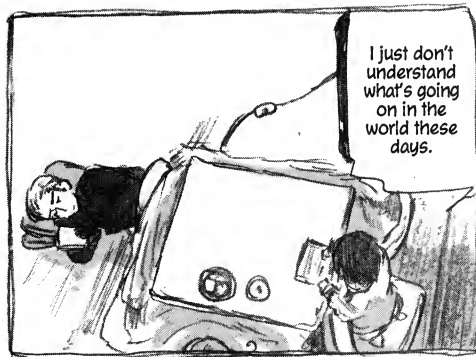
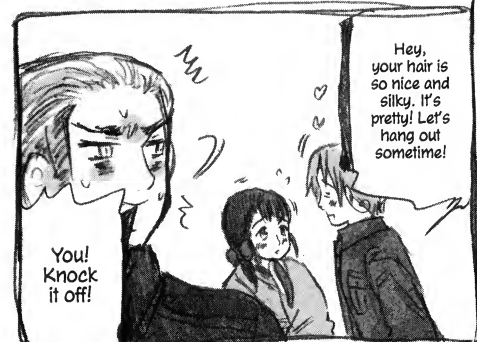
Oh, don't mind me.

[Useless Modern German Military Factoids]  
At one point 80% of the German troops were overweight.  
Sexual intercourse between troops was officially approved  
(with mutual consent, of course).



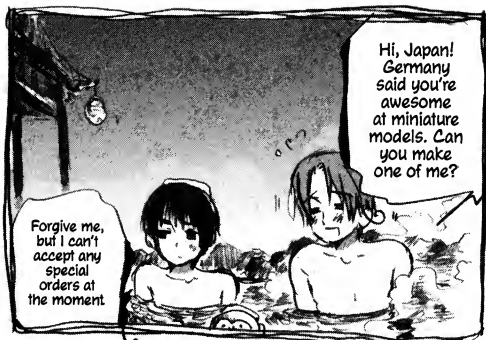


# 60 Years Ago, I Was a Shut-in



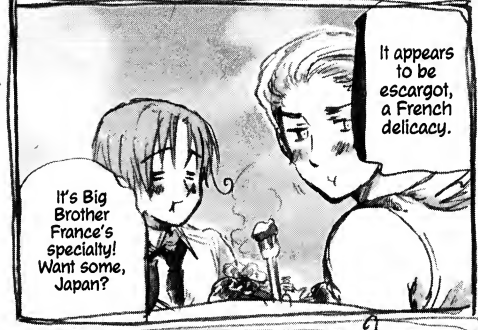
## [Tripartite Pact]

In September of 1940, Japan, Germany and Italy signed the Tripartite Pact in order to solidify their military alliance. The pact specified that if one party was attacked, the other countries would respond with military support. However, instead of deterring an American military response, it instead led to war being declared against all three countries. The pact was signed in Berlin, so obviously it didn't actually happen at a heated kotatsu table.





# Western Front



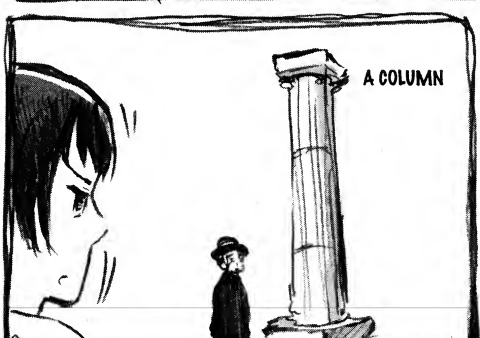
## [Western Modesty]

Italy, Germany and much of the European countries' sense of propriety regarding nudity is lax. In fact, there is so much nudity (male and female) on Italian television that it has become a problem. In America, it is common to see men and women in various states of undress basking on the lawn.

## [Escargot]

A variety of land snail usually found in vineyards. In France (particularly Burgundy), they are used for food. They are very cute. Their Japanese name is *ringomaimai*. (See?! Cute!!)

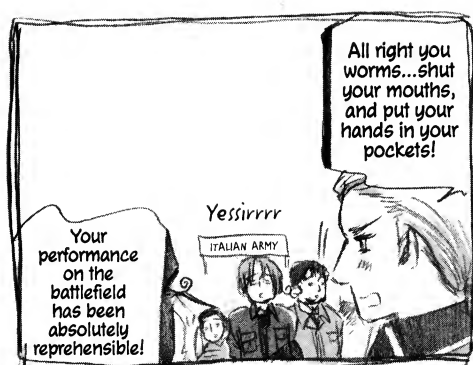
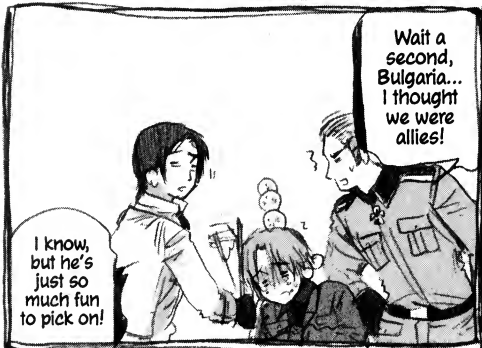




[To the land of the Byakkotai]

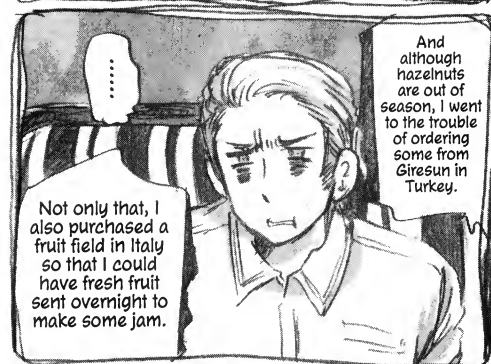
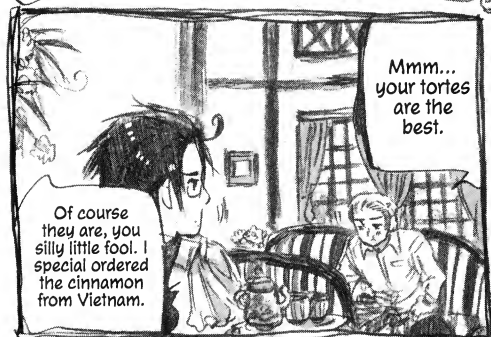
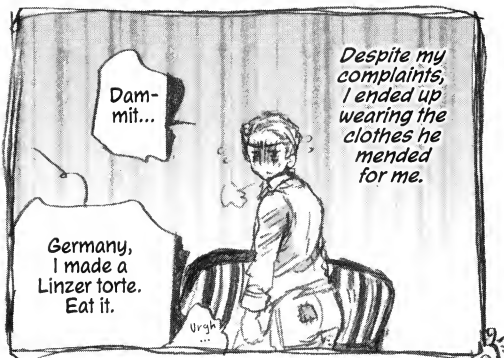
There was once a famous unit of Samurai known as the Byakkotai. Impressed by their valor, Italy donated a column from Pompeii to decorate their final resting place. In addition, Germany donated a stone monument that read, "Dedicated to the Spirit of Bushido." Although the engraving was removed by American soldiers after the war, the monument itself (as well as the column) can still be found in Aizu of Fukuoka Prefecture.

[Italy has been cute lately]  
Don't you think it's adorable how Italy has been tagging along  
with Germany these days?



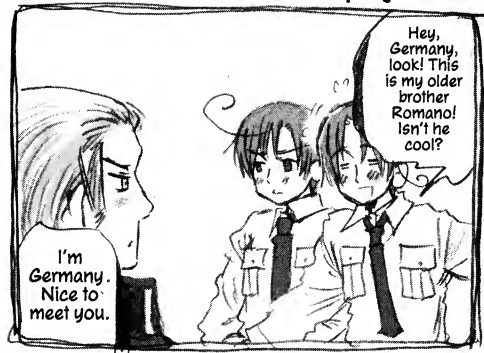


# The Freeloader Takes Control



[Giresun]  
Turkey's only island in the Black Sea and the world's largest producer of hazelnuts. The highest grade hazelnuts are generally said to be "Giresun quality." Incidentally, it is sister cities with Sagae, Japan, which is famous for its cherries.

[Franz Joseph I]  
The last Emperor of Austria. A total cheapskate. Even though he was emperor, he would patch up his clothing again and again until he looked like a homeless person. I guess even royalty has it tough sometimes.



[Che palle!]  
What balls.  
A common Italian phrase used to express irritation.

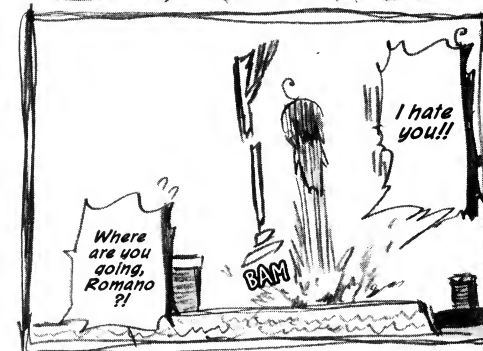
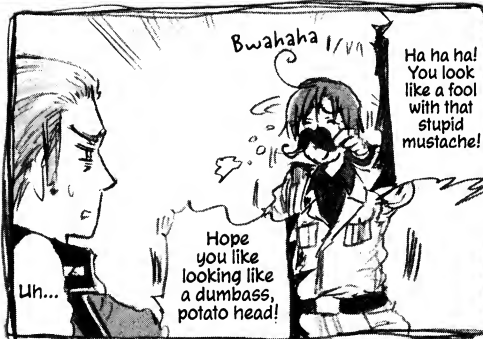


[Unwanted House Guests]  
An estimated 10,000,000 Germans come to visit Italy every year. When the Italian Prime Minister made a statement about German tourists being annoying, it caused quite an uproar. They seem to be on better terms now.





Book: How to Tolerate Italians





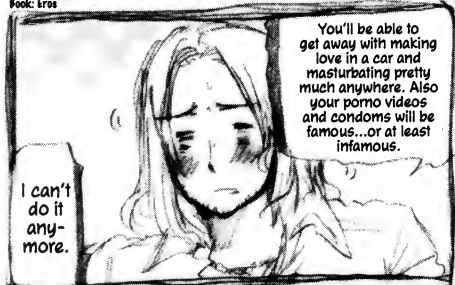
[England's Spy Organization.]

Although England's government has adamantly denied the existence of their spy organization, it is so well known to the public that if you ask a taxi driver to take you to "M16," they'll know exactly where to go. Perhaps they've changed their policy of secrecy lately, since the organization has started to post employment ads publicly.

# The World's Number One Pervert: Part One



Book: Ero



[Doing it in Greece]

According to a survey that was conducted by an English condom company, the country that has the most sex is Greece. As an added note, Japan was dead last.



# HETALIA AND HIS MERRY FRIENDS



## Japan

[Official Name] Nihon-koku  
[Capital] Tokyo  
[Official Language] Japanese  
[Birthday] February 11  
[National Flower] Cherry Blossoms, Chrysanthemum

Despite its small size and isolation throughout nearly half of world history, Japan has become a global powerhouse in only a few decades. Living alone in the middle of the ocean, his culture and customs are unique from the rest of the world. Although he is considered mysterious by many, he views himself as exceptionally normal.

Although Japan is serious and hard-working, he is also a bit naïve and tends to be a pushover. Skilled with his hands and appreciative of fine aesthetics, he enjoys watching flowers, the moon and the change of seasons.

"I will act accordingly."

"Maybe next time."

"I will consider it."

"My answer will always be 'no!'"





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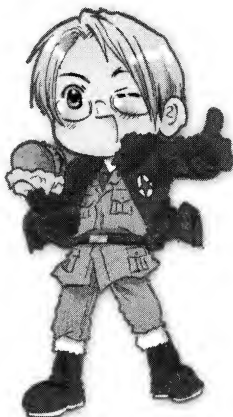
## America

[Official Name] United States of America  
[Capital] Washington D.C.  
[Official Language] English  
[Birthday] July 4, 1776  
[National Flower] Rose

America is a quick-thinker with a positive attitude and a pioneering spirit. Youthful and energetic, he always wants to be number one. He absolutely loves heroes, justice, freedom and hamburgers. Unfortunately, due to his egotistical personality, England and Japan are his only friends.

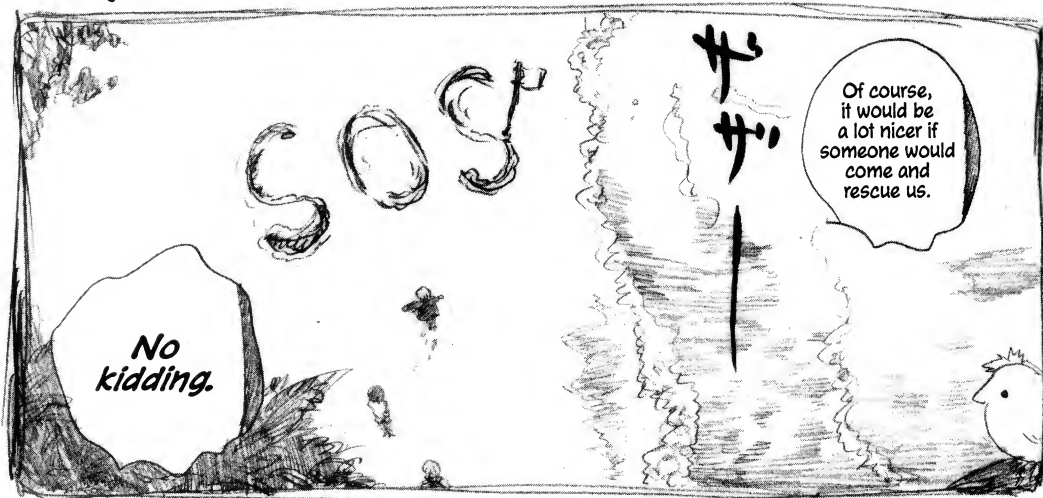
As America's sense of taste was passed down from England, he isn't the least bit afraid of eating anything (even if it's green or slimy). His hobbies include sports, playing games and making movies. If a UFO crash-landed in his back yard, it is likely that his boss is friends with the alien inside.

*"In other words, I'm the hero!"*





# Shouting S.O.S. From The Center of The World





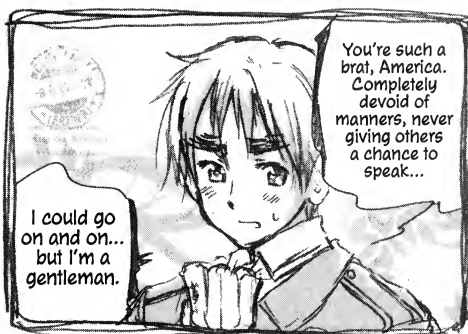


## Allied Forces





# You Were So Cute Back in the Day



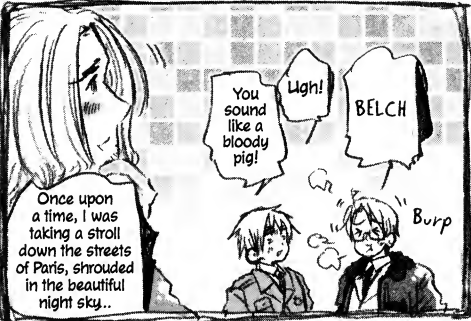
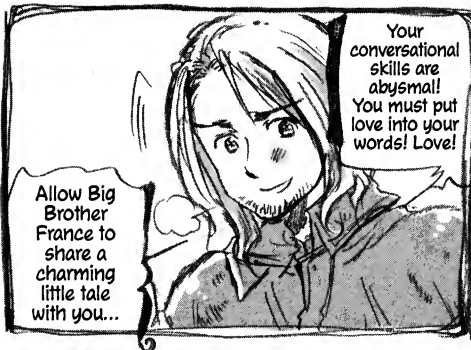
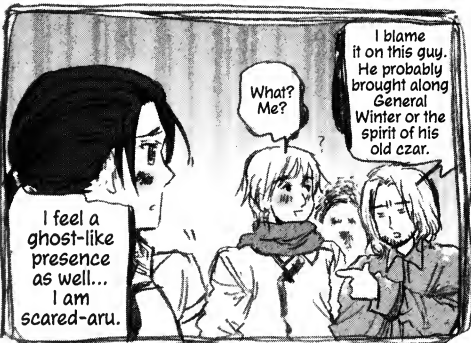


[drunken crabs] Shanghai crabs that have been soaked in Chinese Shaoxing wine.

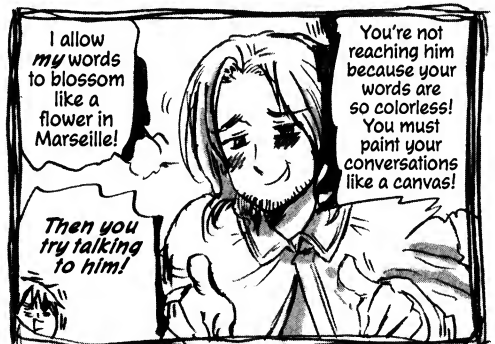
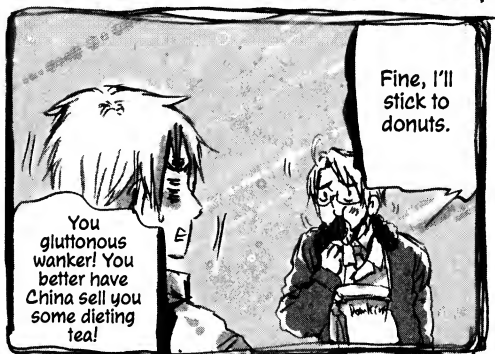
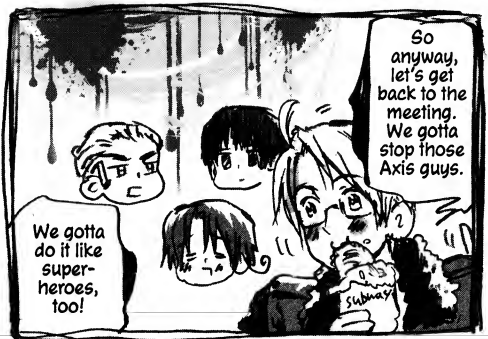




# The Sixth Man



[American ice cream]  
In America, there are ice cream trucks patrolling neighborhoods all the time. Even without going to the store, customers can score a variety of flavors in bright reds, blues and beyond. As if that's not enough, the calorie-starved consumer can even buy massive buckets of ice cream. These legendary super-sized portions are NOT urban legends.



*In the end, everyone  
got hungry, and the  
meeting was adjourned  
without reaching any  
conclusions.*



So, what  
were we  
talking about  
again?  
Spielberg,  
was it?

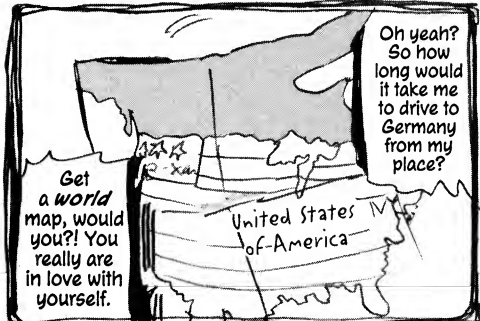
Huh?  
I think we  
were talking  
about  
Germany...



HEY!

Sigh

I always  
end up  
fighting  
with those  
blokes.  
It's such  
a pain...



Oh yeah?  
So how  
long would  
it take me  
to drive to  
Germany  
from my  
place?

Get  
a world  
map, would  
you?! You  
really are  
in love with  
yourself.



OF COURSE!  
YOU'RE MY  
SPECIAL  
PAL!

Oh, it's  
you! You  
didn't  
come all  
the way  
here just  
for me, did  
you?



Showing  
off your  
computer  
from 42  
years in  
the future,  
huh?

Hmph.

Shut up.  
I'll just  
Google it.

There  
we go.  
Directions  
from  
America to  
Germany!



Aw,  
everyone  
came to  
see me? You  
guys are the  
best!



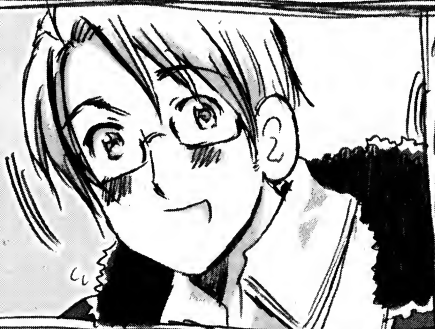
"Swim  
across the  
Atlantic  
Ocean."

[Swim across the Atlantic Ocean]

This was one of the instructions provided by Google Maps upon looking up directions from America to a European city. Even more interesting are the specific directions after you've finished swimming.

Hey,  
England?

I wanted to  
talk to you  
about--



H-hey!  
Don't touch  
me there,  
that tickles!

Ha ha ha,  
you guys  
are so cute!  
You're the  
best friends  
ever!

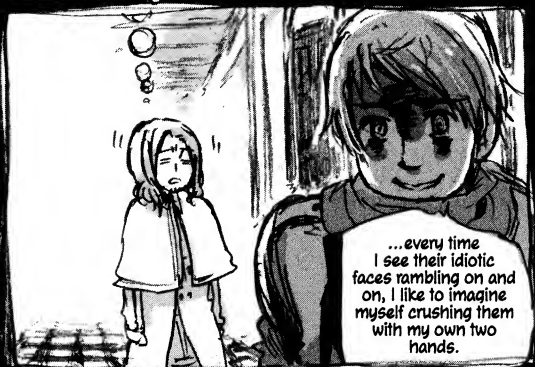
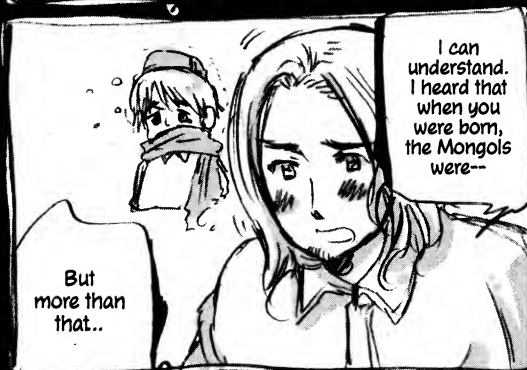


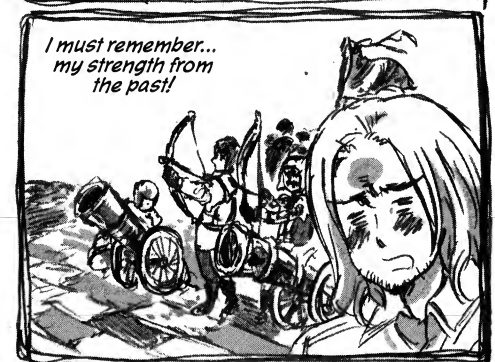
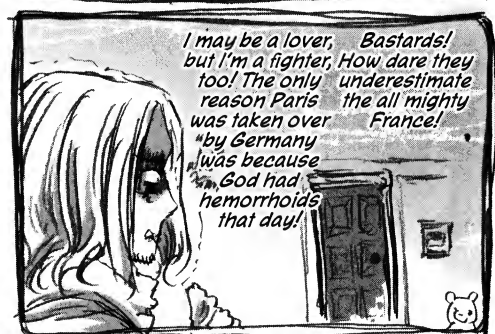
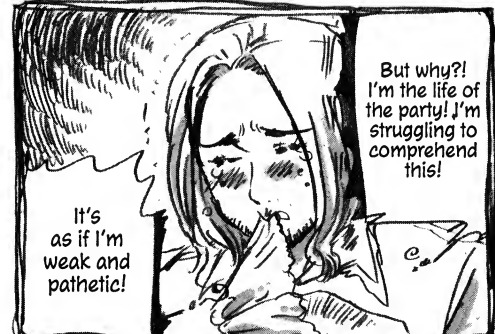
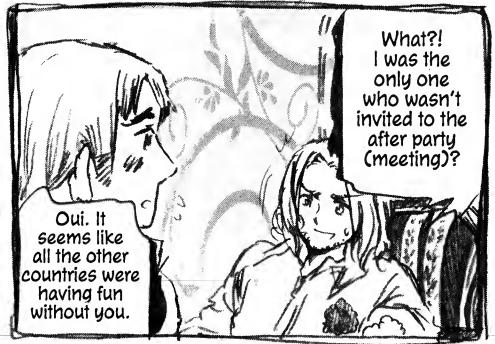
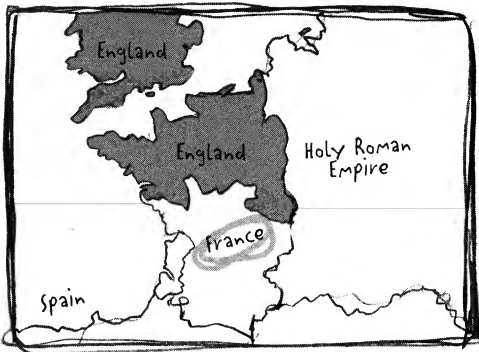
Pat pat

Aww,  
you're so  
funny! I know  
you like me,  
but try to keep  
that thing to  
yourself!





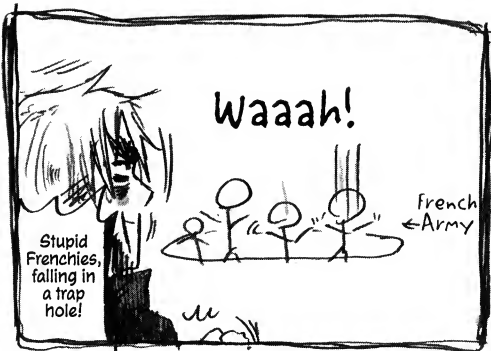
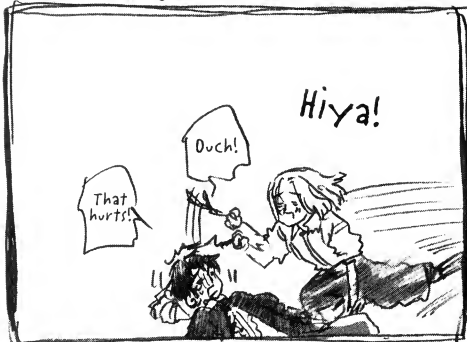




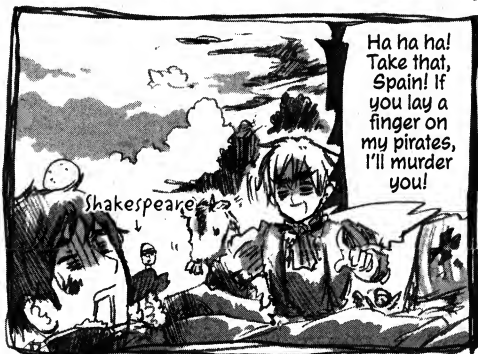
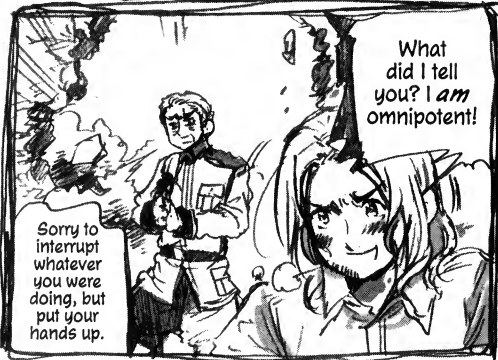
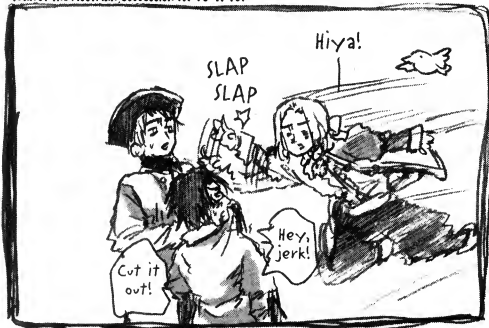
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The Hundred Years' War (1337-1453)

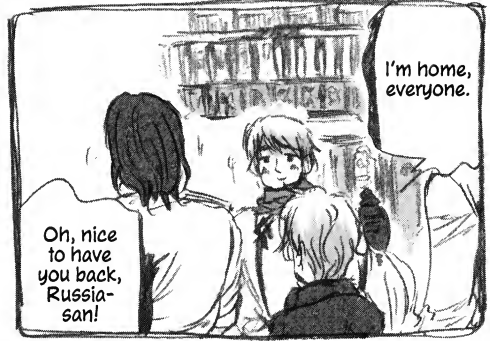
# He Loves Fishing in Troubled Waters



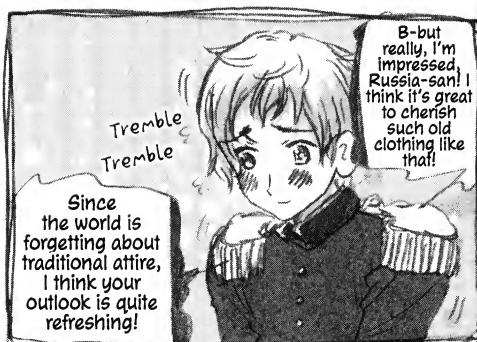
War of the Austrian Succession (1740-1748)



England beats the Spanish Armada (1588)







This is pretty nice.

All right! We found them! What are they doing?

It looks like they're sitting by a campfire.

It's remarkable that marshmallows and graham crackers create such a delicious combination!

It's nice because the inside is gooey, but the outside is crispy.

They're taunting us! They know how delicious that sounds!

Huh...?

Get a campfire started! I'm gonna roast some marshmallows, too!

Are you roasting marshmallows or summoning the devil?!

hee  
hee

Burn, oh banquet of fire! Let the crimson flames rise...

Hey Russia, I think we need to talk.

Yeah!

All right, we've got rocks, dirt, chariots and manpower! Let's build something great for our comrades!

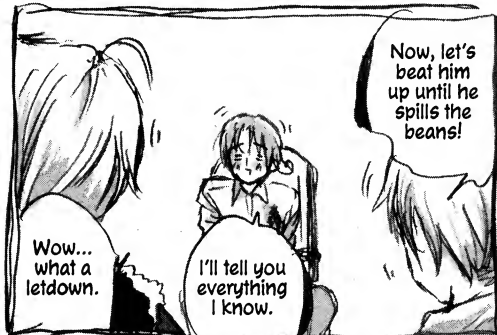
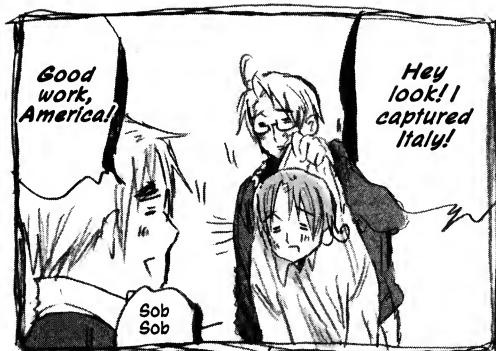
In other words, you guys are thousands of years behind the times.

The ancient Romans used concrete, you know.

Even the pyramids in Egypt were made with advanced tools.

The term we like to use is *primeval*.

As long as there was food, primitive men could sleep whenever they liked, right?





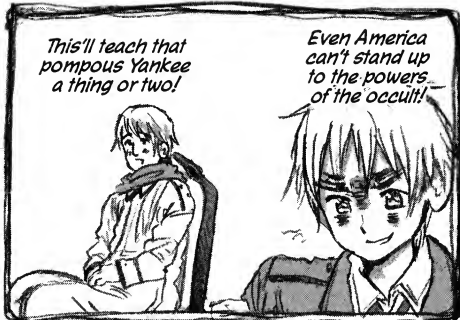
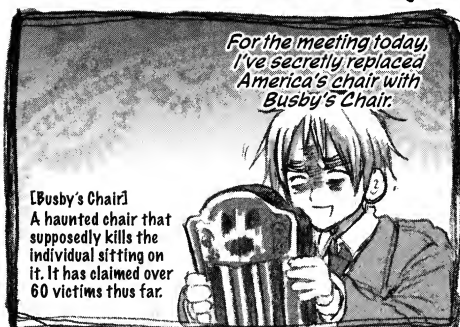


## England's Secret Weapon



[England's Magic]  
During WWII, England's intelligence division hired the famous occultist Aleister Crowley to cast a curse upon Germany. I suppose that's to be expected from a country that grants citizenship to ghosts.

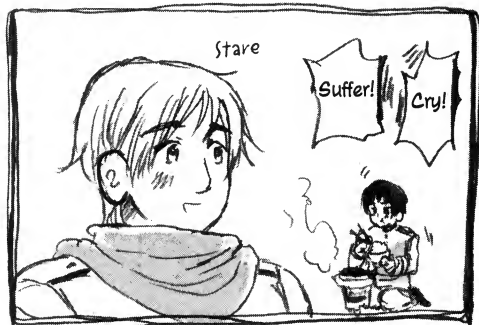
**HETALIA**  
Axis Powers



**[Busby's Chair]**

Favored by Busby, a famous murderer from the 1700s. During his life, he sat upon this chair as if haunted by it. After his death, it was rumored that anyone who dared sit in his favorite chair will die shortly after. Currently, the chair is hung upside down to prevent people from trying. Of course, England still uses it in emergencies from time to time.

## Good Luck Beating that Curse



### [Russia's Curse]

The entire Russian Orthodox Church continuously cursed Japan during the Russo-Japanese War. Regardless, Russia still lost. However, 18 years later, Japan was hit by the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923. Although his curses seem to hit the mark eventually, it is said that Russia's god is located 18 light years away. As an added note, Russian newspapers still print advertisements for curse relocation services, where you can pass your curse onto someone else.





Detroit

"Their customer service was even better than any American airline and made me appreciate their sophisticated technology."

"The kind Canadians have even prepared an airplane for me."

"Alas, the time has come for me to leave this wonderful country."

I made some coffee. Want some?

Touched

Sounds like a blast! I'm gonna discover Canada one of these days too!

"A scene as beautiful as any painting spread out before me."

"As I reflected on my travels to Canada, I glanced out the window..."

Ahhh!  
It's  
Canada!!

Do you want maple syrup in your coffee?



# HETALIA AND HIS MERRY FRIENDS



## England

[Official Name]

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

[Capital] London

[Official Language] English

[Birthday] Unknown

[National Flower] Rose

A rainy empire that turned in its pirate flag to live the life of a gentleman (?). Although he was formerly a minion of France, their positions were reversed when England claimed half of his land. As a result, the two have a long-standing feud with one another. Known as the bad-boy of Europe, he uses his skills as a former pirate to pester Spain and colonize other nations.

Despite his cold demeanor and sarcastic personality, England is extremely loyal to his friends. Famously cynical and aggressively competitive, he comes across as more villainous than he actually is. An avid fan of ghosts, fairies, magic and legends, England provides ghost tours and even allows ghosts to register as residents of his nation. In addition to rampant superstition, his country is also plagued with a sea of erotic and idiotic news stories.

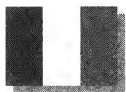
*"It's not 'learned,'  
it's 'learnt,' you git!"*



# HETALIA AND HIS MERRY FRIENDS



*"Don't you guys have  
something better to  
do...like change those  
lame military uniforms  
of yours?"*



## France

[Official Name]

République française

[Capital] Paris

[Official Language] French

[Birthday] July 14

[National Flower] Iris

Once a European powerhouse, France turned in his sword to live the life of a farmer after the death of Napoleon. Now France enjoys showing tourists around his beautiful vineyards with a glass of wine in hand.

France is arrogant to an extreme, priding himself on his taste in language and art. Although his pride has put him on bad terms with England, he has a certain respect for England's strength. A lover of anything beautiful, he does not discriminate between men and women in his romantic endeavors.





*I came here because I heard this old castle would be affordable, but...*

It feels as if something terrible could pop out at any minute.

Whoosh

Heh heh heh...



*I get the distinct impression that I am being watched, as well...*

POP

Heh heh heh...



DODGE

Heh heh heh...



GRIN

Um...

This small, medieval-style hotel was renovated from an old aristocratic castle.

Although it has a romantic exterior, it is said to be haunted by the ghost of its previous owner.

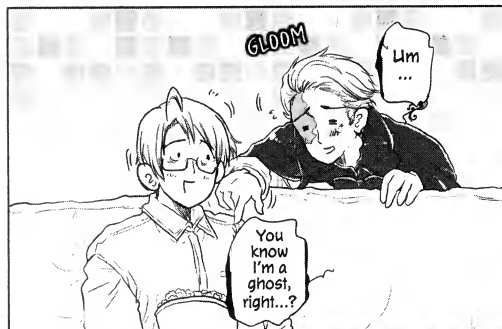
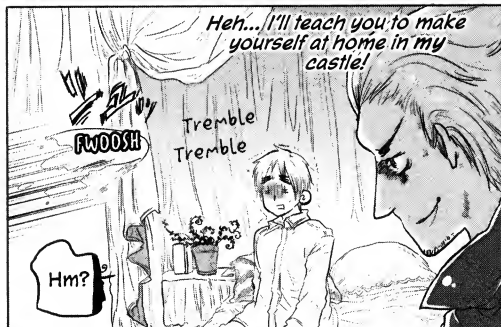
Heh heh heh... welcome to hell, you filthy commoners!



# GHOST HOTEL

[Japanese horror]  
Famous Japanese horror films include Ringu and Juon. Video games such as Siren and Fatal Frame also adopt a similar style. Using silence as a tool for suspense, the source of horror often lies just beyond view. Thanks to its unique sense of tension, Japanese horror has become popular around the world. Perhaps it is due to Japan's national character, but the lesson in the end is often: the living are more frightening than the dead.





#### [American horror movies]

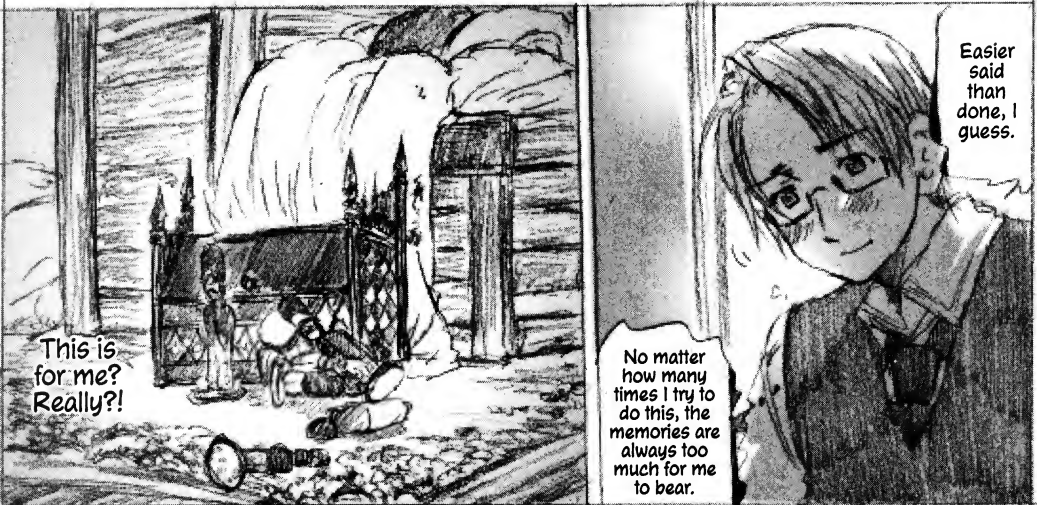
Up until recently, the template for American horror movies was: A monster appears—A town is enveloped in chaos—the main characters die one after another—the monster is defeated with willpower—Peace is restored—End... or so it seems until you realize one of the monsters is still alive. Recently, more variations have been added, however, anyone having sex on screen still usually ends up dead. Despite their predictable nature, American horror movies always deliver lots of screams, action scenes and monsters.

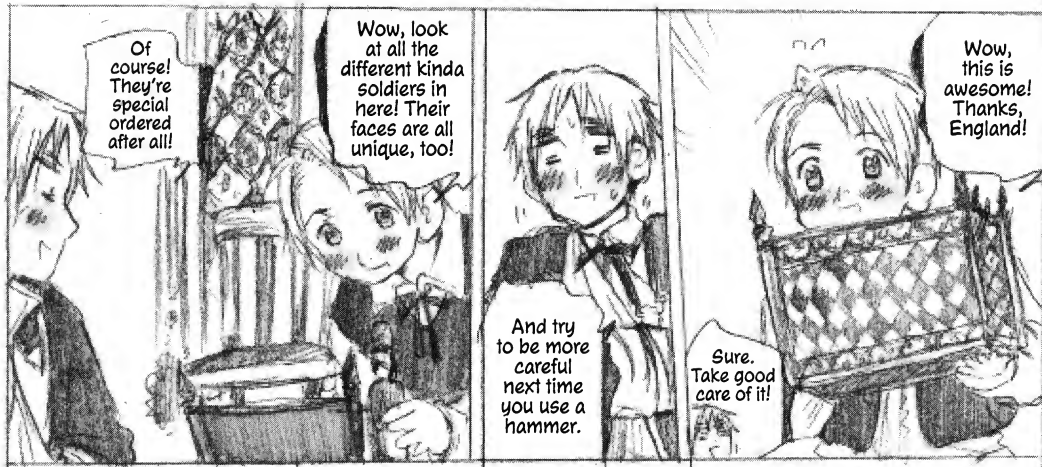
#### [English Horror]

A large number of the tourist attractions and hotels in England are said to be haunted. Their horror movies often have a gothic feel. Although they are less popular now, there was a huge English horror movie boom in the '60s. Recently, English and American filmmakers collaborated to make a zombie film called **28 Days Later**, where everyone in England is infected by a virus that causes rage. As an added note, German horror movies are usually just full of gore.

"Germany, Germany!  
I'm in North Africa right  
now, and I can't tie  
my shoes! Oh, and uh...  
England is here, too."









America Cleans Out His Storage Room





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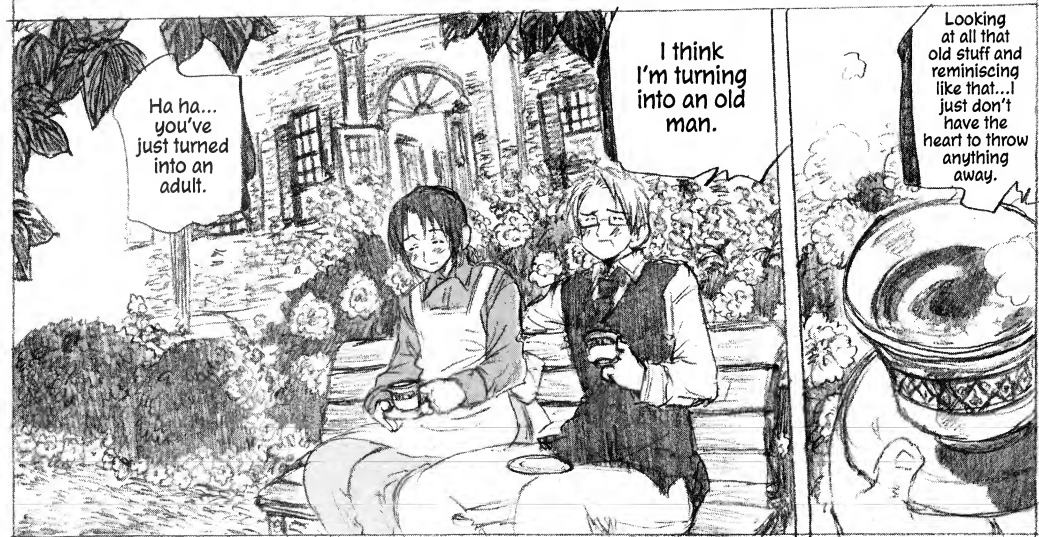
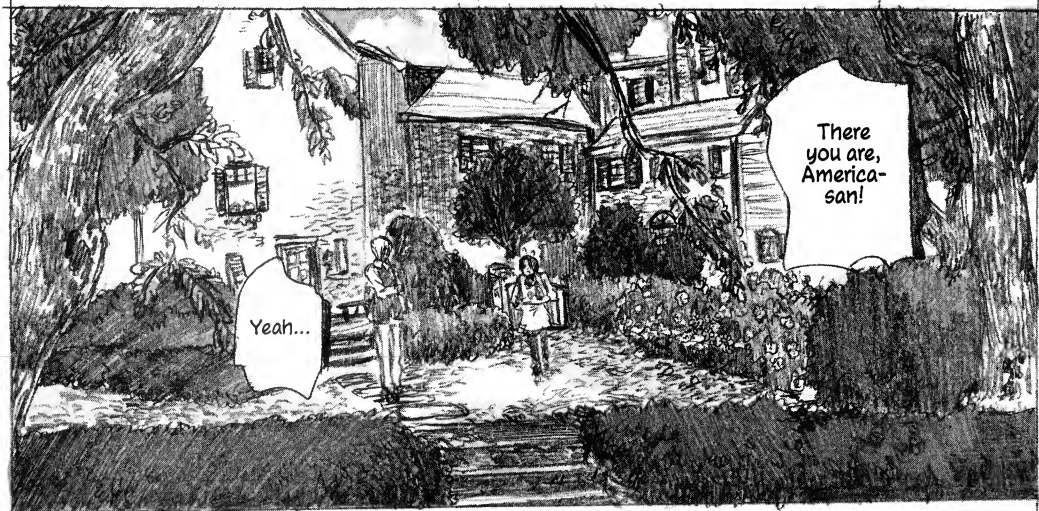






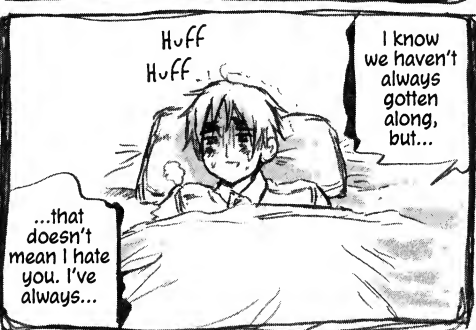
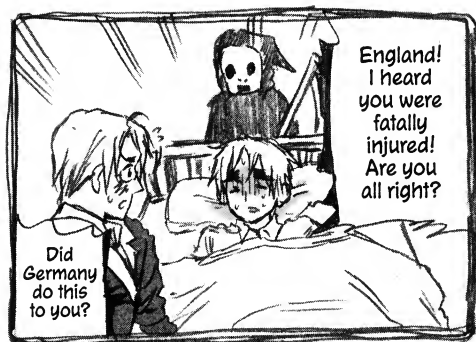
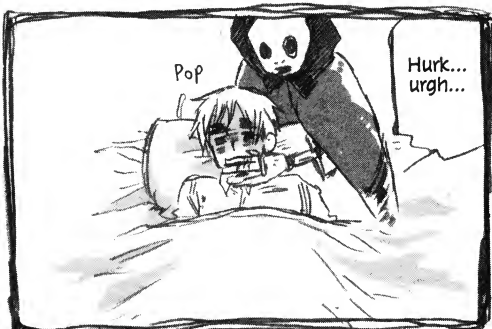


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# A Touching Conversation Ruined



[Panjandrum]

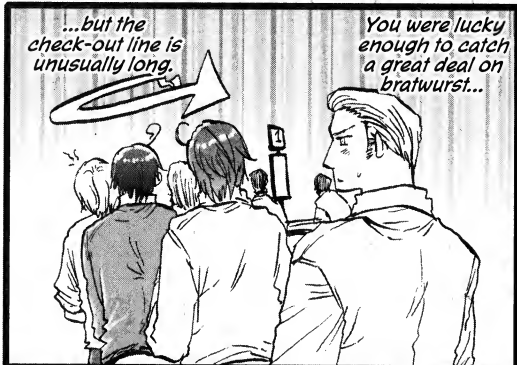
The Panjandrum was a rocket-propelled cart designed to penetrate Germany's massive defense fortresses during the Normandy Invasion. Ideally, the weapon would speed ahead at about 60 miles per hour, making any German counterattacks nearly impossible. Unfortunately, the sand-covered contraption was unable to move straight, and in the end, the only thing revolutionary about it was its complete uselessness.



And you are shopping for groceries.

You are a German.

# ドイツ GERMAN SIMULATOR シミュレータ



...but the check-out line is unusually long.

You were lucky enough to catch a great deal on bratwurst...



In Spain, such carefree cashiers are an everyday experience.

I'm sleepy

This is because the cashier is from Spain, where relaxed personalities are common.



This is a common scene in Greece.

To top things off, a Greek, who is also laid-back, sets his items down as slowly as possible.







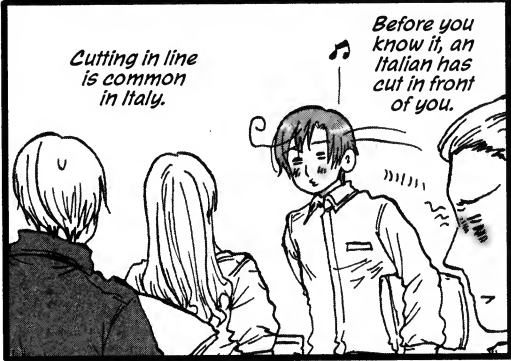
I think a line of this length is quite common.

A Russian

Hey you over there! Do your damn job!

You have others waiting behind you, you ass! Are you listening?!

Hurry up, or I'm going to miss my K-drama, Stairway to Heaven!



Cutting in line is common in Italy.

Before you know it, an Italian has cut in front of you.



Oh, I know! Perhaps you would enjoy a joke while we wait?

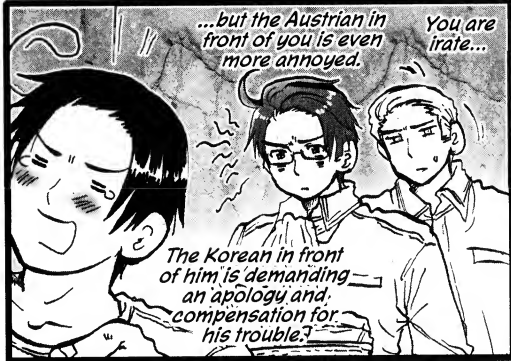
Please, calm down!

Unbelievable!

Ha ha ha, another peaceful day!

I won't be able to watch Ji Woo!

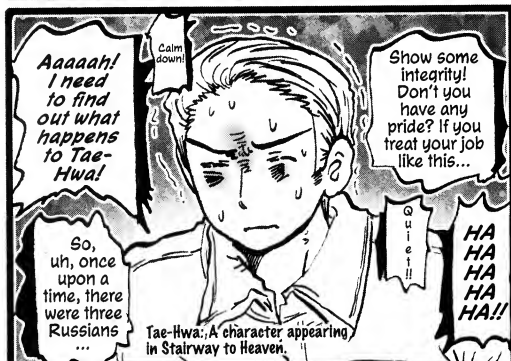
Choi Ji Woo: Famous South Korean actress and model.



...but the Austrian in front of you is even more annoyed.

You are irate...

The Korean in front of him is demanding an apology and compensation for his trouble.



Aaaaah! I need to find out what happens to Tae-Hwa!

Calm down!

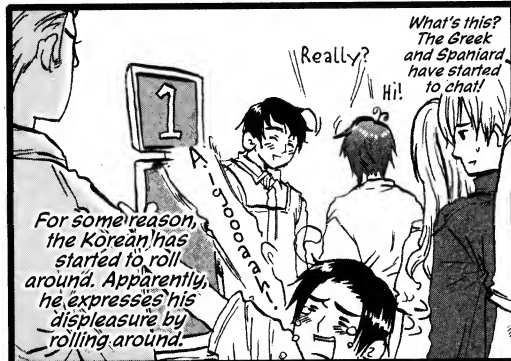
Show some integrity! Don't you have any pride? If you treat your job like this...

Quiet!!!

HA HA HA HA!!

So, uh, once upon a time, there were three Russians ...

Tae-Hwa: A character appearing in Stairway to Heaven.

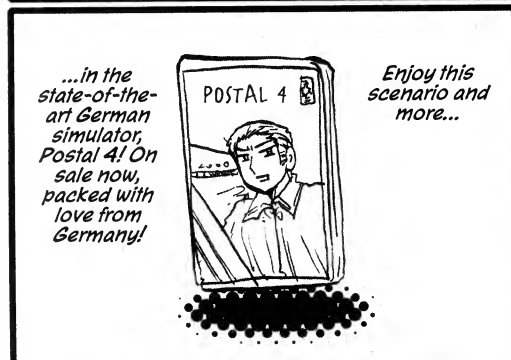


What's this? The Greek and Spaniard have started to chat!

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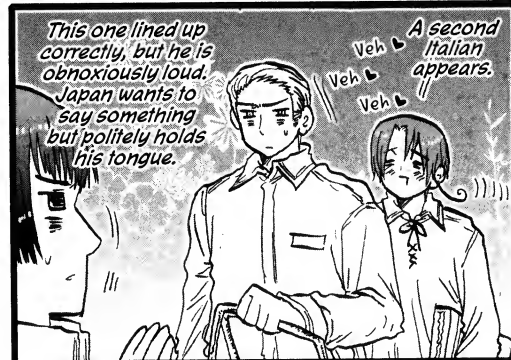
Hi!

For some reason, the Korean has started to roll around. Apparently, he expresses his displeasure by rolling around.



...in the state-of-the-art German simulator, Postal 4! On sale now, packed with love from Germany!

Enjoy this scenario and more...



This one lined up correctly, but he is obnoxiously loud.

Japan wants to say something but politely holds his tongue.

Veh Veh Veh

A second Italian appears.



## Russia

[Official Name] Rossiyskaya Federatsiya  
 [Capital] Moscow  
 [Official Language] Russian  
 [Birthday] December 30  
 [National Flower] Sunflower

A massive northern nation who was once a terrible bully. In Russia, you can't do anything without vodka. For Russians, vodka is fuel. Every time Russia tries to invade southern territories, England stops him. As a result, Russia feels compelled to punch England at every encounter.

Thanks to annual visits from General Winter, Russia has grown to hate snow. Regardless, General Winter always seems to emerge as a powerful ally when it's time to go to war.

Although Russia may appear big-hearted with rural innocence, he is also childishly cruel. This is probably due to the fact that his history is bathed in bloodshed and tragedy.

\*Although his official name was the Soviet Republic back in the day, this story will address him as Russia. So be careful to note this any time you're taking a test, please.

*"Compromise?  
 I'm afraid Russia  
 does not offer  
 such services."*



# HETALIA AND HIS MERRY FRIENDS



## Poland

[Official Name] Rzeczpospolita Polska  
 [Capital] Warsaw  
 [Official Language] Polish  
 [Birthday] July 22  
 [National Flower] Pansy

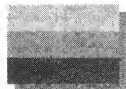
Poland was once a superpower who ruled Middle and Eastern Europe with his partner Lithuania. Unfortunately, with the demise of his nobility, his power faded. Although his land has been divided up by other nations countless times, he always amazingly manages to rise up and survive like the phoenix. He also has an infamously awesome national anthem.

Despite his tough exterior, Poland is actually quite shy and slow to trust others. This may be for the best, since he can be quite troublesome once he gets to know you. Poland's impulsive nature constantly causes numerous countries to take advantage of him. However, he tends to get along exceptionally well with Lithuania and when crossing each other's borders, there is very little security.

His Valley girl accent from Nagoya is a product of the manga artist's strange tastes.

*"Like, don't  
 make me enact the  
 Poland Rule  
 on you!"*





## Lithuania

[Official Name]

Lietuvos Respublika

[Capital] Vilnius

[Official Language] Lithuanian

[National Foundation Day] February 16

[National Flower]

Common Rue

Lithuania is the eldest of the Three Baltic State Brothers. He was originally a member of the Teutonic Knights but later revolted against the Christian church and became Grand Duchy of Lithuania. Although he was constantly pursued by German knights advocating the spread of Christianity, he did not accept the religion himself until forming the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. Even so, his peace was short-lived, as he was eventually forced to succumb to Russia.

Like the other Baltic brothers, Lithuania can be a bit of an introvert. However, he is especially good-natured and likes to take care of his friends. Tragically, his considerate personality might have helped earn him the title, "country with the highest suicide rate." He loves literature and martial arts. He always buys his cars used. Lithuania is also known to be quite picky with spices and condiments, rotating various flavors of ketchup and mayonnaise on a daily basis.

*"Sheesh, why do you have to be so blunt, Latvia?"*



# HETALIA AND HIS MERRY FRIENDS



*"I don't want to rely on anyone else for this. I'll find my own way..."*

## Estonia

[Official Name]

Eesti Vabariik

[Capital] Tallinn

[Official Language] Estonian

[Independence Day] February 24

[National Bird]

Swallow

The wisest of the Baltic brothers and the most lucky as well. The beautiful cities of Estonia have remained untouched by war and attract many tourists from all around the world.

Mild-mannered, smart, poised and financially secure, Estonia is on friendly terms with most other nations. However, despite his excellent standing, his self-centered way of doing things prevents him from gaining much recognition.



## Latvia

[Official Name]

Latvijas Republika

[Capital] Riga

[Official Language] Latvian

[National Foundation Day]

November 18

[National Flower]

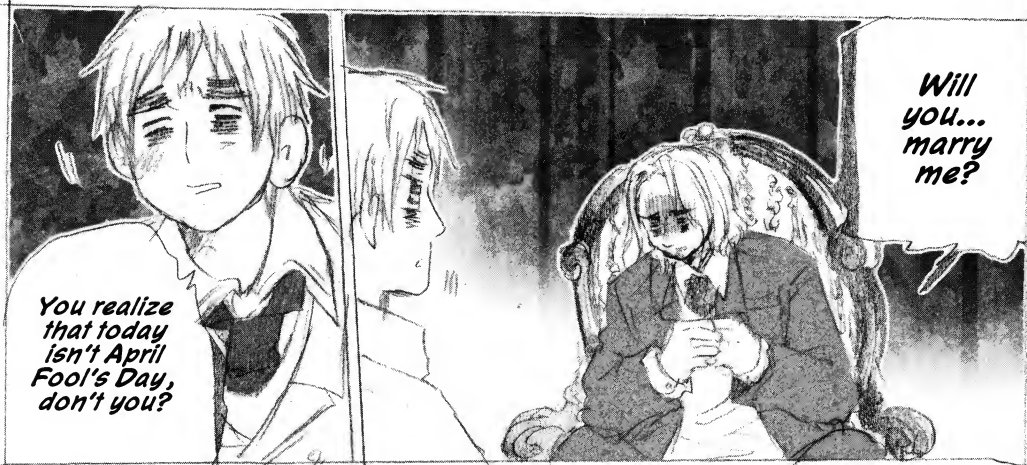
Margaret

*"I don't want to live like this anymore! Let's join forces with Germany!"*

The youngest of the Three Baltic States, Latvia has lived a troubled life. Taken over by German knights when he was still young, he later banded together with Poland and Lithuania only to be split in half and conquered by Russia.

Latvia is big-hearted, but shy and withdrawn. He loves poetry and romance novels. Unfortunately, he tends to be unintentionally blunt, often drawing Russia's ire.





You realize that today isn't April Fool's Day, don't you?

Will you... marry me?



See...?

That's a marriage registration form, you dolt!

France

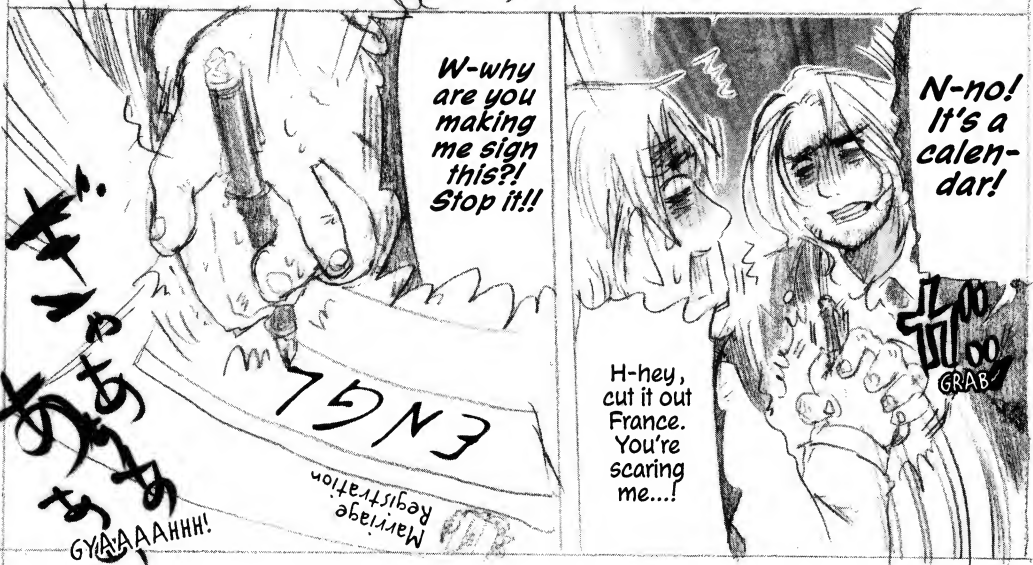
GLEEDOM

H-hey, it was just a joke...

I... I can afford a calendar, at least.

Ha ha ha ha!

Ha ha ha... or are you so poor that you can't even afford a calendar?



W-why are you making me sign this?! Stop it!!

N-no! It's a calendar!

H-hey, cut it out France. You're scaring me...!

GRAB





You might die...

I might die!

Not a good enough reason for marriage, in my opinion!

I'm in really bad shape thanks to the Suez Canal Crisis! If I don't get together with you my boss said I... I...

What are you trying to pull here, France? Are you off your trolley?!

I can't help it! I don't want to do this either!

Ha ha ha ha!

That's what you get for trying to force my hand! Too bad for you!

You brute! Demon! Don't you care if I die?!

カッ

Scribble Scribble

Marriage Registration

Ha! This is what I think of your marriage license!

Ahhh!!! How could you??

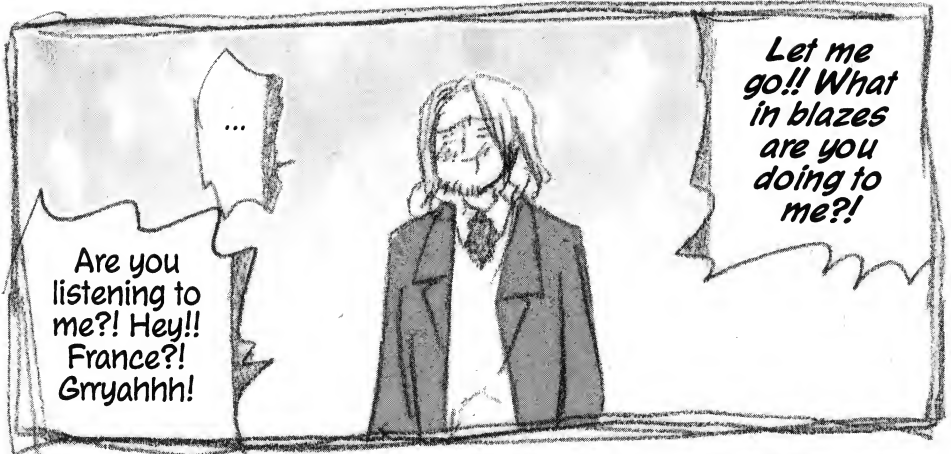
ガッ GRAB

Take care of your own bloody problem--

I'll let you be the man, I promise! I don't care if I become English territory or an English state or anything! Think of it as helping a friend...

Huhhh?

No! Not with you, not ever!



**[Anglo-Franco Alliance]**

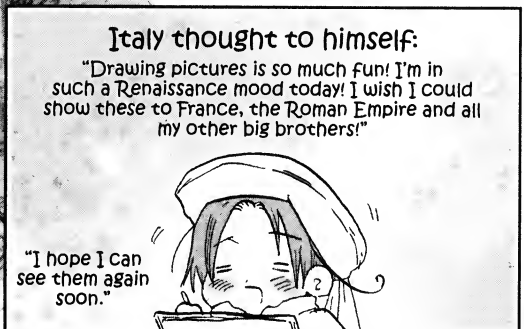
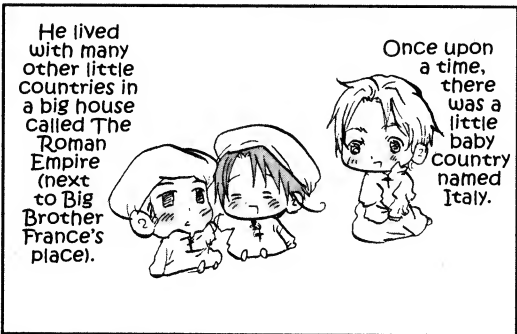
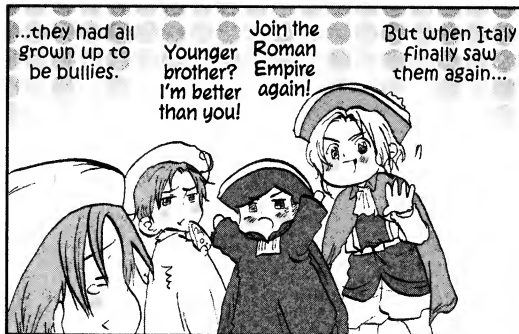
In 1956, with tensions mounting from the Suez Canal Crisis, the Prime Minister of France, Guy Mollet, suggested an Anglo-Franco Alliance, stating that he wouldn't mind "Queen Elizabeth becoming co-minister." Even after England rejected the idea, France still insisted they wanted to join the English commonwealth. No matter how you look at it, that's just impossible.

# HETALIA

Axis Powers

## CHIBITALIA

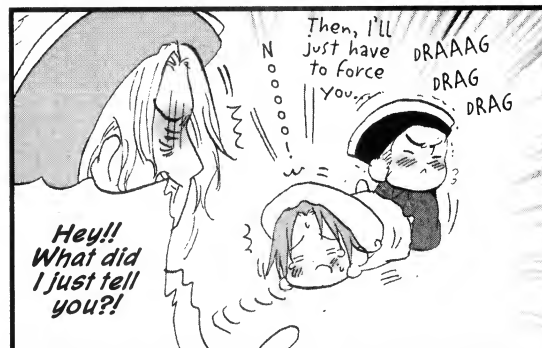
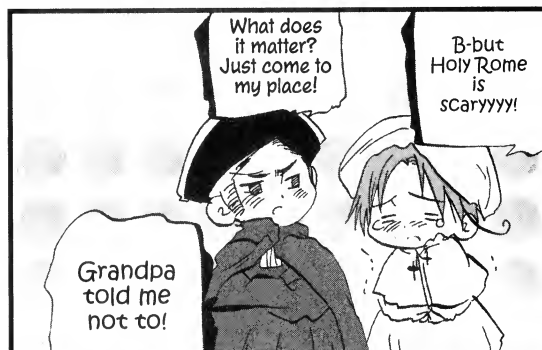




[Holy Roman Empire]

Clearly enamored with their ancient counterpart, the "new" Roman Empire felt the need to add "Holy" to the beginning of their name. Despite their name and lofty aspirations, they failed to include Rome itself in their acquisitions. Frequently urging Italy to join them by force (laughs), the Holy Roman Empire's dream was to combine Italy and the Germanic tribes to form a Holy Roman United Kingdom.

# He was Weak 12,000 Years Ago



## [How Italy Became the Target of Bullying]

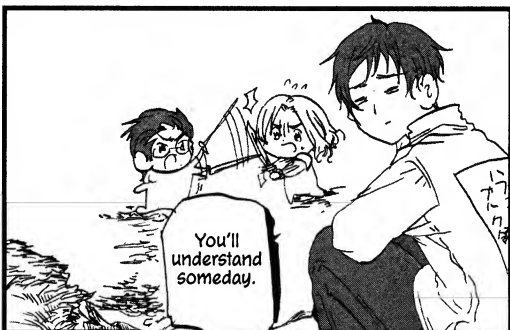
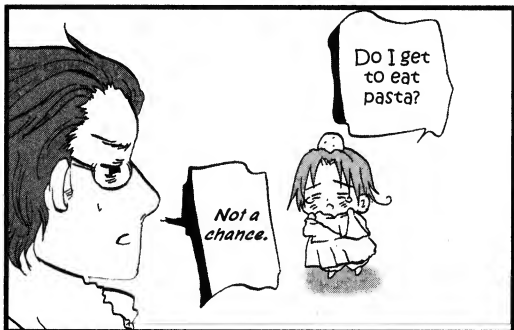
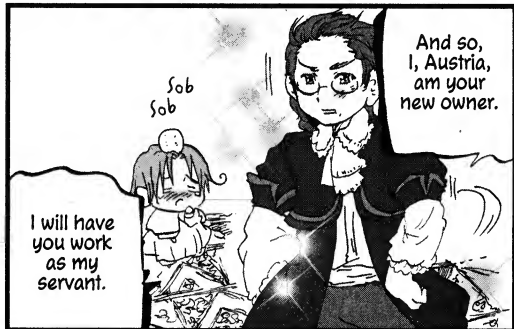
After Rome dissolved, Italy became a collection of tiny countries.

At that time, Italy had everything... fertile lands, a warm and habitable climate, rich culture, history, arts and religion. It was a very attractive country.

Unfortunately, it was also **extremely weak**.

From the outside, Italy was both desirable and easy prey. When France initiated an invasion, other strong nations couldn't resist pouring in from land and sea alike.

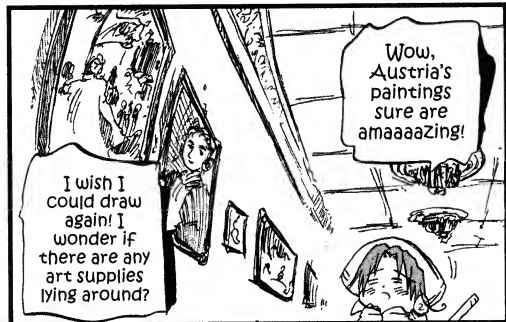
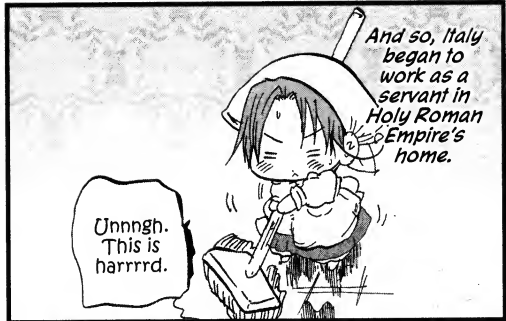




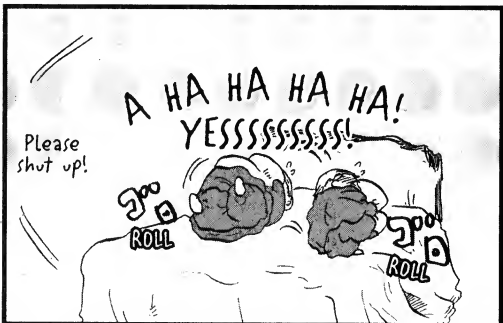
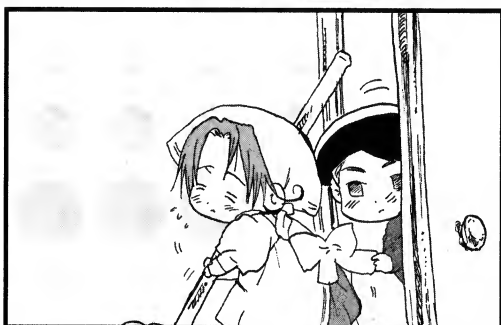
[Austria-san]  
In addition to taking control of Italy, Austria began to conquer the weakening Holy Roman Empire as well.  
An avid fan of music, he is a preppy intellectual who built an empire where the sun never set.

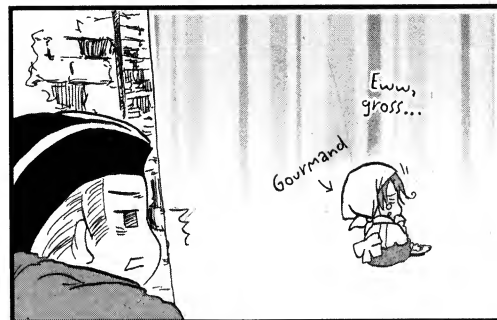
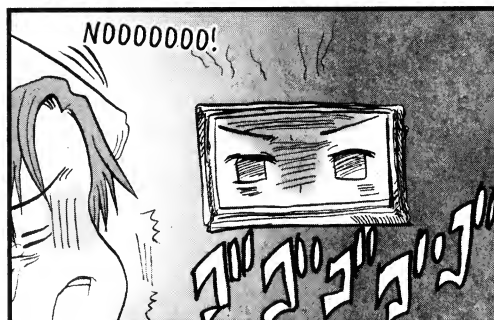
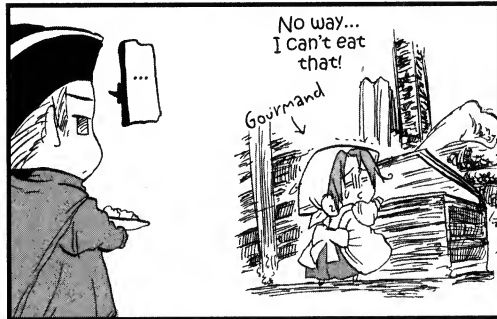
[Italian Wars]  
The Italian Wars were the bloodiest conflicts the region had ever seen. After their conclusion, the battered Italy was picked apart and divided among more powerful nations. This marked the end of Italy's pampered life.

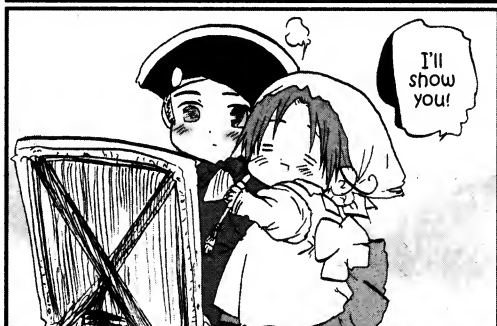
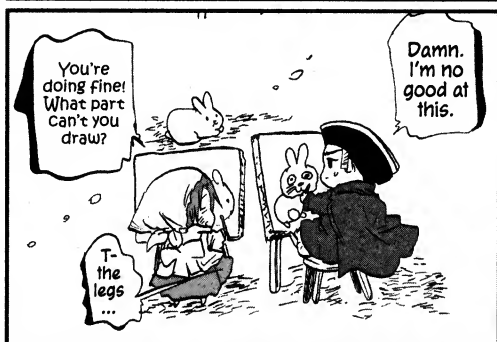
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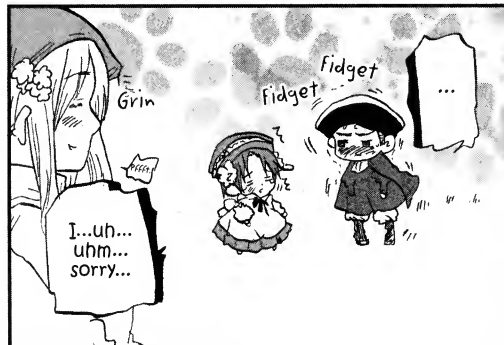
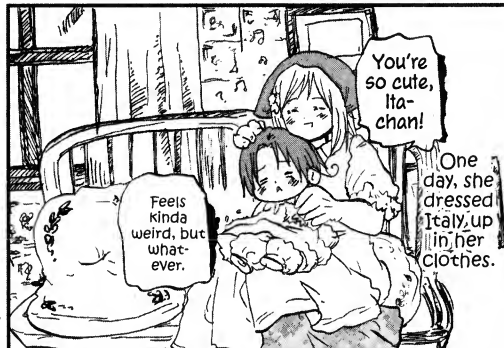
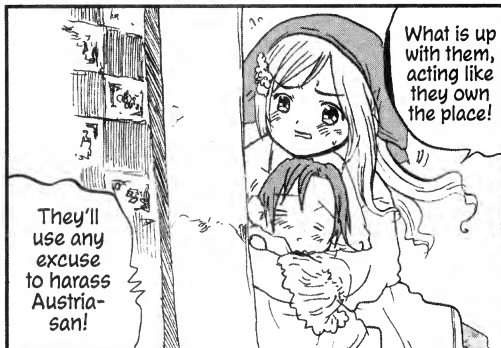
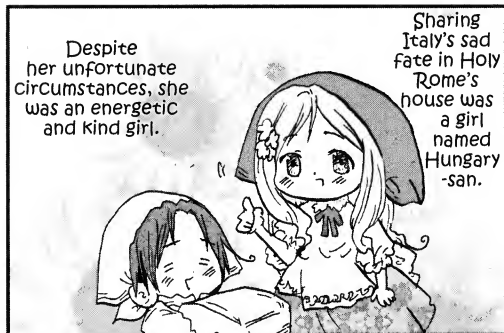
[The Renaissance and Italy]  
As obeying the other nations became Italy's primary concern, their artistic innovations during the glittering Renaissance era became a thing of the past. Thus, Italy would no longer take center stage in world history for many years. As an added effect of their obedient lifestyle, both their territory and military strength shriveled like an earthworm in the summer sun.



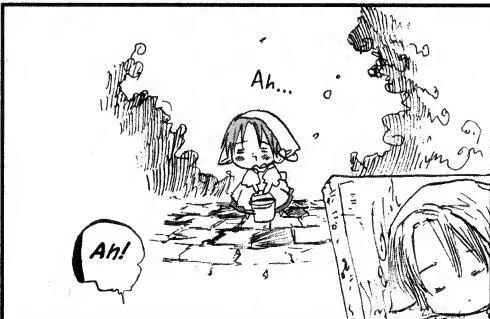
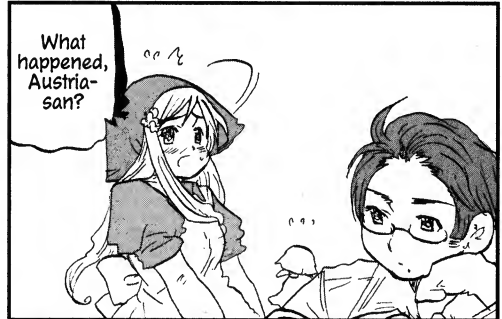






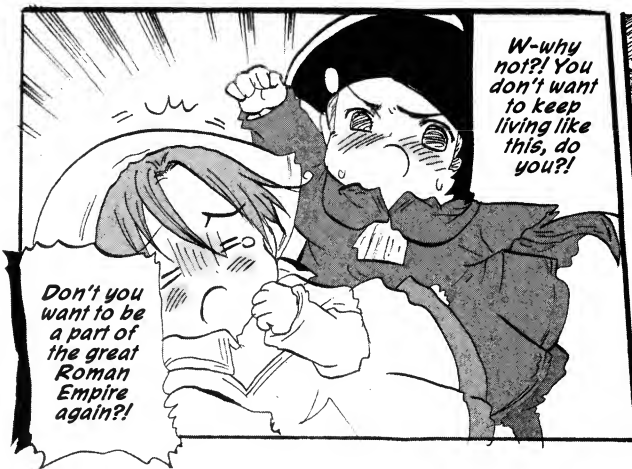
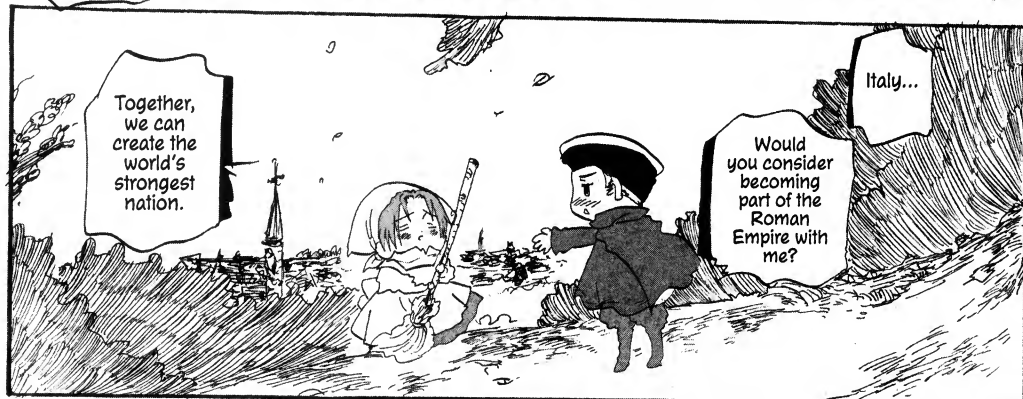
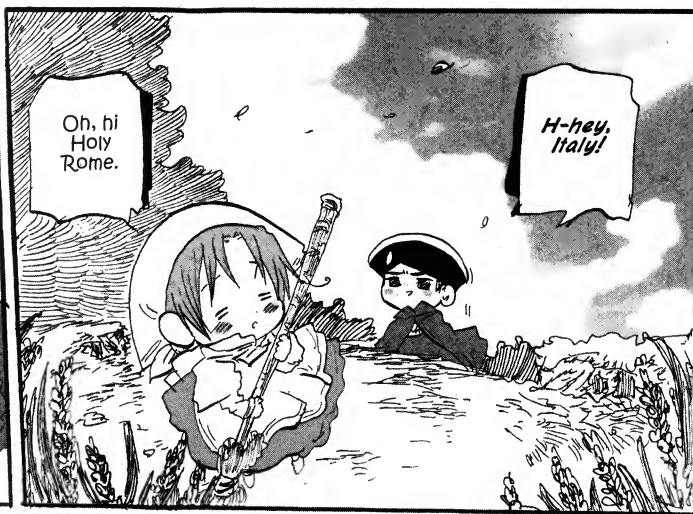


["Unsettling mood"]  
Although the Holy Roman Empire claimed to be a nation, its actual territories were controlled separately. Since all of its different states were essentially split, surrounding nations began to butt in on their business in the name of religion.



["I have been abandoned"]

The Holy Roman Empire continued to have religious conflicts even after the Peace of Augsburg. The final blow occurred in 1618 when a Bohemian revolt against the emperor began a series of battles known as the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648). Devastated by the battles, the Empire fell apart while surrounding nations picked up the pieces.



...suffered  
'cause he  
got too  
big.

B-but  
Grandpa  
Rome...



So,  
please  
...

I like  
you just  
how you  
are.

You don't  
have to  
be like  
Grandpa.

I wouldn't  
want to  
see you go  
through  
that, Holy  
Rome.

Grandpa's  
body was  
covered in  
scars. He  
looked like he  
was in pain.



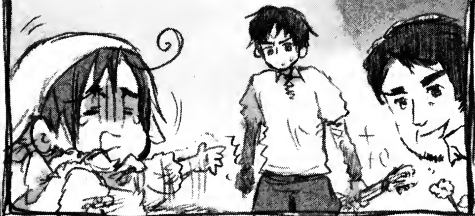


**And so, the Holy Roman  
Empire plunged himself  
into a long, long battle.**



...is music!

All you  
need to cure  
dancing  
disease...



First, he's very  
condescending  
and constantly  
ignores me...

Hello, I'm  
Don Spain.  
The other day  
I obtained  
Southern  
Italy, but to  
be honest  
he's kind of  
a handful.



Vaffanculo!  
((Screw  
you!))



...and shakes his  
arms like he's  
trying to dance  
or something.

Wahhh!

Then out of  
nowhere, he  
starts crying...

He's weird,  
I tell you.



Dance  
Romano,  
dance! Never  
give up!



Don't  
be afraid  
of those  
Turkish  
jerks, Spain  
is here to  
help!

Dance it off,  
Romano!  
Dance that  
disease away!



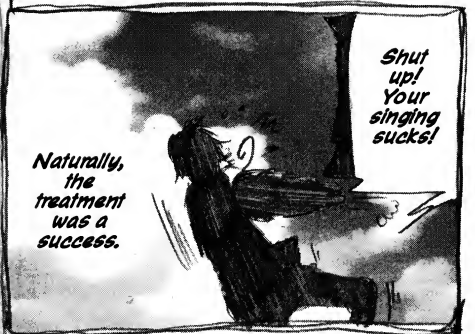
What the  
heck?! The  
only thing  
wrong is your  
stupid face!

Hey, is  
something  
wrong with  
you?



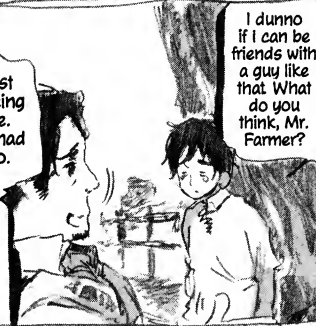
Naturally,  
the  
treatment  
was a  
success.

Shut  
up!  
Your  
singing  
sucks!



He's just  
got dancing  
disease.  
My son had  
that too.

Back in the  
day, they used  
to think it was  
caused by  
spiders, but that  
isn't the case.  
It's easy to  
cure, though.

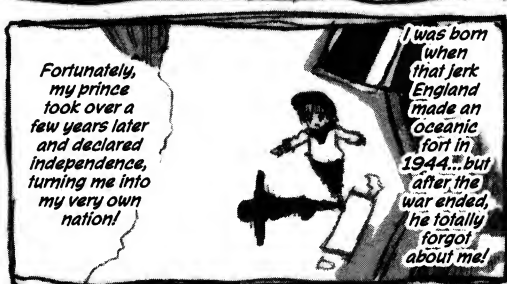


I dunno  
if I can be  
friends with  
a guy like  
that. What  
do you  
think, Mr.  
Farmer?

[Dancing disease]

A "disease" prevalent in Napoli after Italy was taken over by Spain. Although the actual cause was unknown, it was thought to be the result of stress caused by the Spanish invasion. The treatment was a high-tempo dance tune known as the Tarantella.





Therefore (according to Sealand), if Sealand is not a part of English territory, it must mean he is recognized as an independent sovereignty!

Not my territory!

Not English territory

SEALAND'S TERRITORY!!

Long ago, when a coup d'état involving Sealand residents occurred, England stated the area was not a part of English territory and ignored the problem.

Sea-kun's Battle for Independence ♦

## Go Sealand!



[Will Sealand ever be acknowledged as a nation?]

According to the United Nations, the foundation of a country must consist of "natural-forming land and space." As such, the man-made Sealand doesn't quite fit the bill. Even so, Sealand is able to tout its own sovereignty on technicalities within International Regulations. For example, Sealand was able to declare its independence because it is located three nautical miles outside of British waters.

In addition, "Prince" Roy Bates was attacked through a German-invested coup d'état, and about 20 people tried to do a forceful takeover. Upon the criminal trial of this incident, England refused to get involved with the trial, and when German ambassadors were hired, Sealand retorted that the "German Government has acknowledged Sealand as a nation," using the unlucky situation to its advantage. As an added note, these "revolutionaries" declared that they were the righteous monarch because they had established a new sovereign.



## Austria

[Official Name] Republik Österreich  
 [Capital] Vienna  
 [Official Language] German  
 [Birthday] October 26  
 [National Flower] Edelweiss

Born under the proud house of Habsburg, Austria is an intelligent and well-spoken former powerhouse. Austria is on bad terms with France but can easily ignore him when provoked.

Although he is more optimistic and calm than Germany, he is sometimes left behind the times, thanks to his self-centered attitude. Austria loves art, music and national cuisine, often putting his hobbies before work.

Although they speak the same language, Austria's manner of speech is more eloquent and refined than Germany's.

*"I told you to choose your friends wisely!"*



# HETALIA AND HIS MERRY FRIENDS



## Hungary

[Official Name] Magyar Köztársaság  
 [Capital] Budapest  
 [Marriage Anniversary] June 8, 1867 (Ausgleich)  
 [National Flower] Pelargonium, Tulip

Hungary was originally formed by a group of nomads, riding through the fields on horseback. Unfortunately, as soon as its citizens settled down, they were invaded by other nations. Because Hungary was never shown any kindness, she has a fondness for Austria, who gives her at least the tiniest bit of respect. When her nation was split in two and engulfed in civil war, he was the only person she had to turn to. Despite the circumstances, she is proud to say that she once had two separate empires.

Hungary is a bit introverted but a hard worker behind the scenes. Although she appears mild-mannered, she can sometimes be foul-mouthed, thanks to her history as a wild nomad. She hates Romania so much that she names all of her dogs after famous Romanians.

*"Give me back my happy place!"  
 "Give me back my happy place!"  
 "Give me back my happy place!"*







## Spain

[Official Name]

España

[Capital] Madrid

[Official Language] Spanish

[Birthday] February 12

[National Flower]

Carnation

A southern European kingdom that is blessed with warm sun, lush nature and a fantastic climate. Spain was once a great nation that sent out fleets of ships all over the world for exploration and trade. However, after being bullied by England and America, he lost his lofty position and was crippled by poverty and war. Fortunately, Spain's uniquely easy-going personality has helped him cope with tragedy.

Spain is cheery and kind-hearted with a very rustic-feeling countryside. His cuisine uses tomatoes, tomatoes and more tomatoes and his sweets are only considered sweet if they're the sweetest of the sweet.



*"You gotta try  
to do everything  
you like while  
you still can."*

# HETALIA AND HIS MERRY FRIENDS



## Switzerland

[Official Name]

Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft

[Capital] Bern

[Official Language] German, French, Italian, Romanish, Latin

[Birthday] August 1

[National Flower] Edelweiss

A permanently neutral nation surrounded by the Alps, Switzerland is a bit of a xenophobic recluse. Despite his peaceful reputation, Switzerland possesses one of the world's largest militaries, along with much of the world's money. A major weapons manufacturer, he is able to maintain peace because other nations are afraid to fight him.

Switzerland, always strong and united, never really desired to interact with other countries, causing him to dislike foreigners. He is a hard worker that will finish any job to the end. Thanks to his credentials, he was once hired as a mercenary for the Vatican.



*"A certain island nation thinks  
all I do is ride a magic sky  
swing and run around the  
mountains while playing with  
goats and eating cheese."*



# Chaos at Daybreak

War of the Austrian Succession-

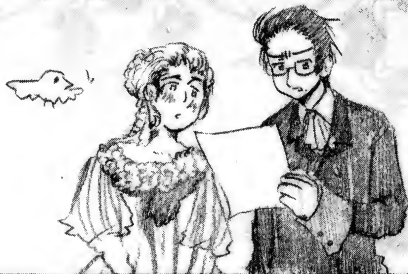


Hello there.

Hey, what's up? I'm Prussia, and I've been working out a lot lately. You wouldn't believe how ripped I am. Now I'm so much stronger than you!

That being said, congrats on becoming empress, but I don't approve. If you want to be acknowledged, then give us part of Silesia. If that doesn't sit well with you, you're gonna be invaded.

From Prussia, with love.



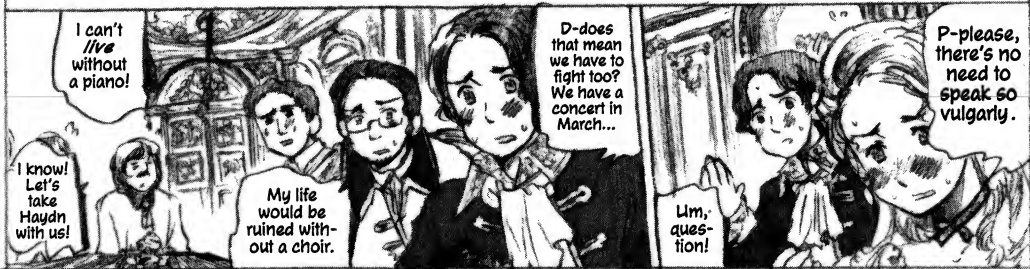
[First Silesian War]

In 1740, Maria Theresa was coronated as the sovereign of Austria and Hungary. Prussia, along with other nations within the Holy Roman Empire, disapproved of a woman rising to power. Although the Holy Roman Empire was quite large as a whole, in actuality it consisted of many smaller nations. Austria initially worked as a unifier between these nations, but as their power slipped, Prussia invaded. As an added note, Italy was still under the rule of the Austro-Hungarian Empire at the time and would not see its territories unified until more than 100 years later.



Let us  
gather our  
troops  
and take it  
back!

Prussia  
has invaded  
and seized  
my vital  
region!



I can't  
live  
without  
a piano!

D-does  
that mean  
we have to  
fight too?  
We have a  
concert in  
March...

P-please,  
there's no  
need to  
speak so  
vulgarily.

I know!  
Let's  
take  
Haydn  
with us!

My life  
would be  
ruined with-  
out a choir.

Um,  
ques-  
tion!



Very well  
then, let's  
surrender.

T-that  
may seem  
logical to  
you, but  
we have  
to fight!

I will never  
fight unless  
we can bring  
the whole  
orchestra  
along.



# Chaos at Daybreak They Have Managed to Go to Battle

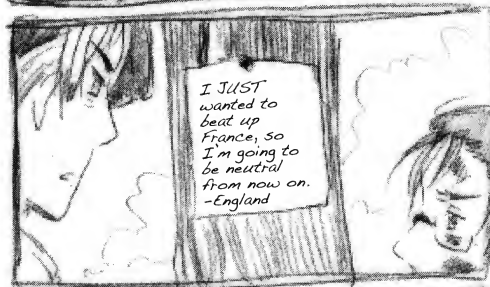


[To summarize it]

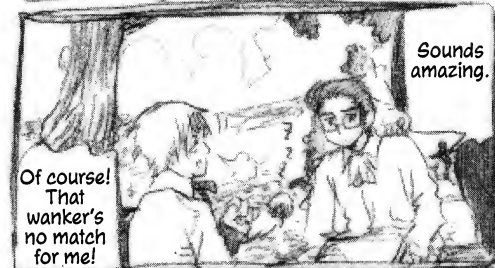
During these times, Europe was completely chaotic. France and Prussia joined forces and dragged along Spain and Holy Rome's Sachsen and Bayern. This "Austria Obliterating Taskforce" became quite a threat. Even so, England was the one nation who supported Austria. Having France as your enemy automatically meant having England as your ally.



# Chaos at Daybreak We Lost Our First Battle So Easily

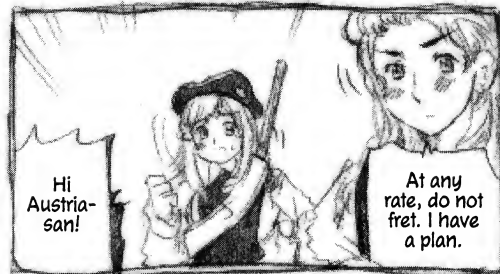


[Useless England]  
When the war situation became disadvantageous, England, who was Austria's final lifeline, immediately took the neutral position.



## Chaos at Daybreak

### The Final Savior/For Austrian Use Only



[Austrian-Bayern War]

Maria Theresa actually went to Hungary in person, and with her son in her arms, pleaded to the nobility for help, crying, "Please save Austria! It is up to you!!" It was said that she continued to do this every day until reinforcements were sent. Never underestimate a determined mom!

# Chaos at Daybreak Italy Did Not Let Us Down

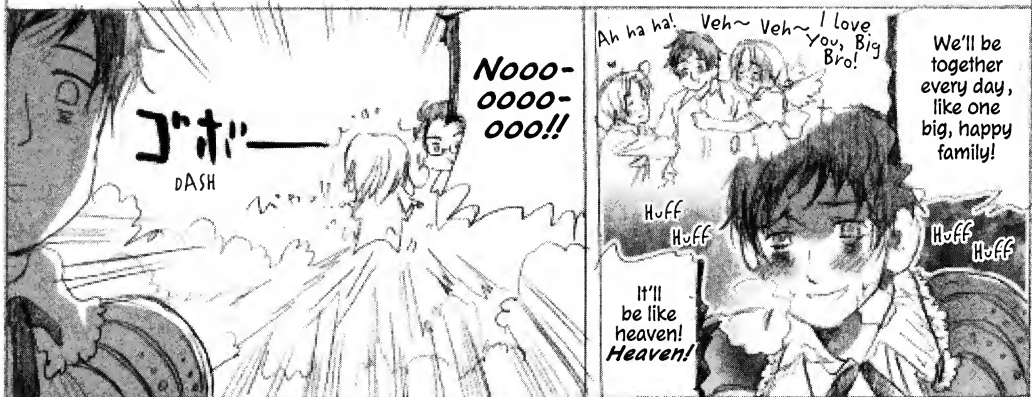


\*Friends: Bad company. He is referring to France.



[Spanish Austrian War]  
While Austria was struggling with France and Prussia, Spain swooped in from the south to take over Italy (Milano) in 1744.

# Chaos at Daybreak Don Spain's Ambition

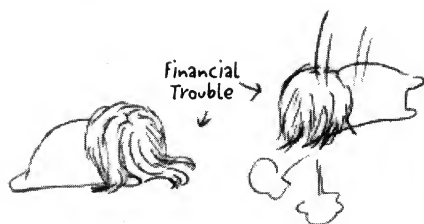




[Spain's Light and Dark]  
Although Spain was able to take over Milan, Italy (Sardinia) was taken by Austria.  
As a result, Spain was unable to invade Northern Italy. Spain still owes lots of money! Good luck with that!



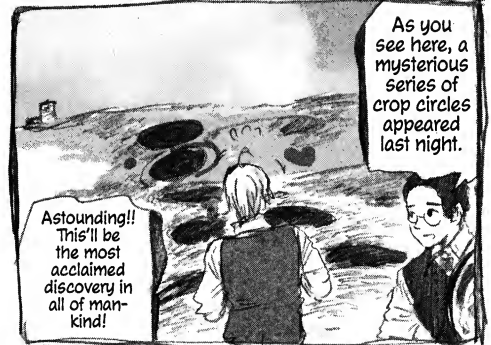
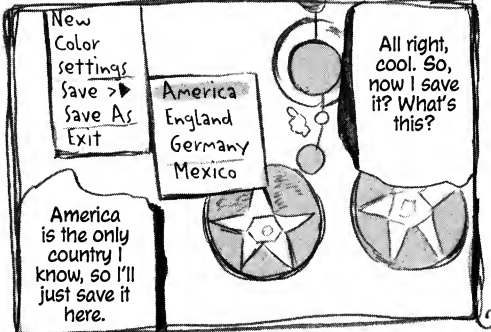
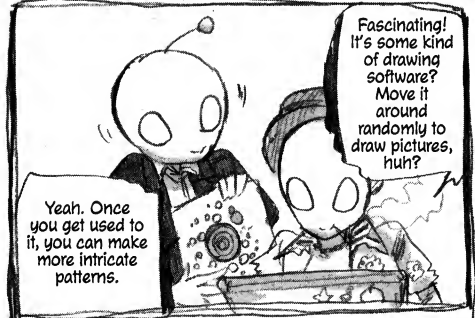
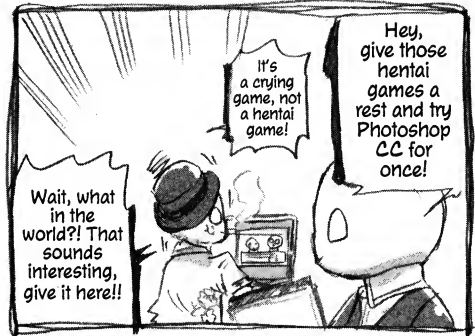




**HETALIA**  
Axis Powers

# Photoshopping With Aliens

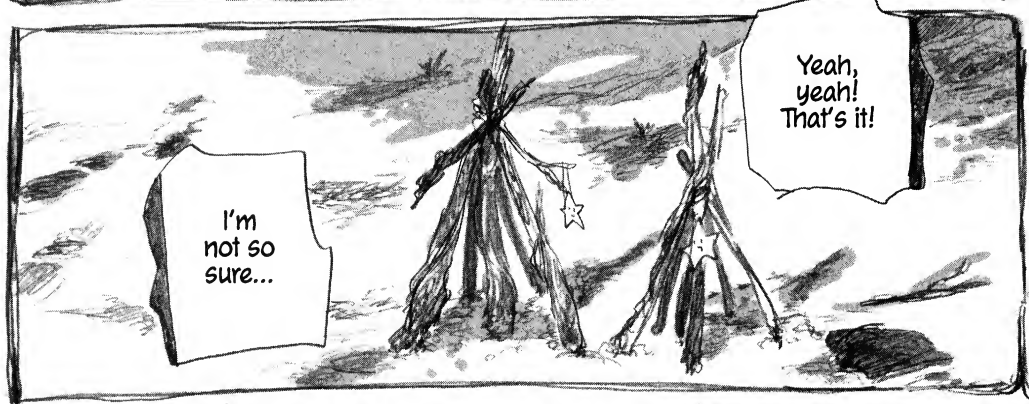
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Does this  
look right  
to you?

☺ in  
the World



I'm  
not so  
sure...

Yeah,  
yeah!  
That's it!



That  
looks  
a bit...  
*ominous*  
...

I thought  
I copied  
it well  
enough  
...



What  
are you  
making?

It's a  
tradition  
of ours.  
You wanna  
make one  
too, Japan?



I told you they'd be here! My intelligence is never wrong!

Those imbeciles have completely let their guard down!



China, you run in there and bust out some crazy Shaolin kung-fu, then I'll easily capture them when they're all tired and beat up. It will be a fight to the death... *for you!*

England, France, Russia...you guys are on standby. The hero (that's me) will give the orders.



All right, you old farts, that's enough chatting!

It's time to finalize our plan for attack!



Okay, time for the countdown! Everyone together now!

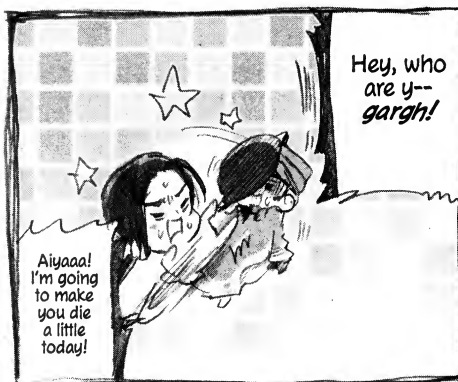
I'm too embarrassed to do such a thing.



Now now, you'll understand my wish to see Three Kingdoms in person?

Why am I the only one doing anything?! I'll get murdered out there!

You're hopeless-aru ...



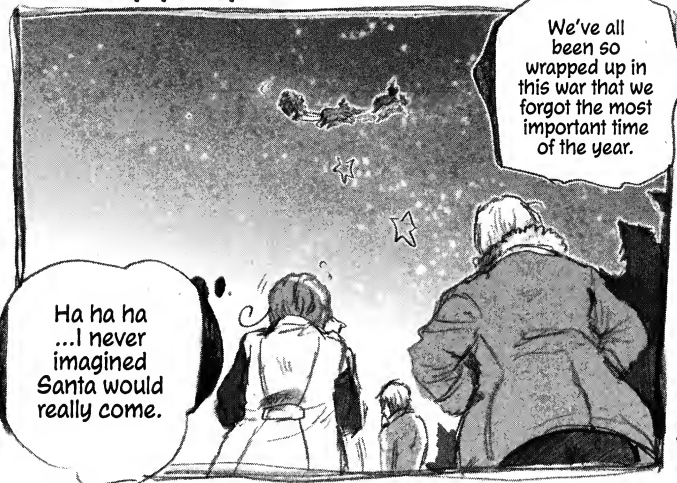






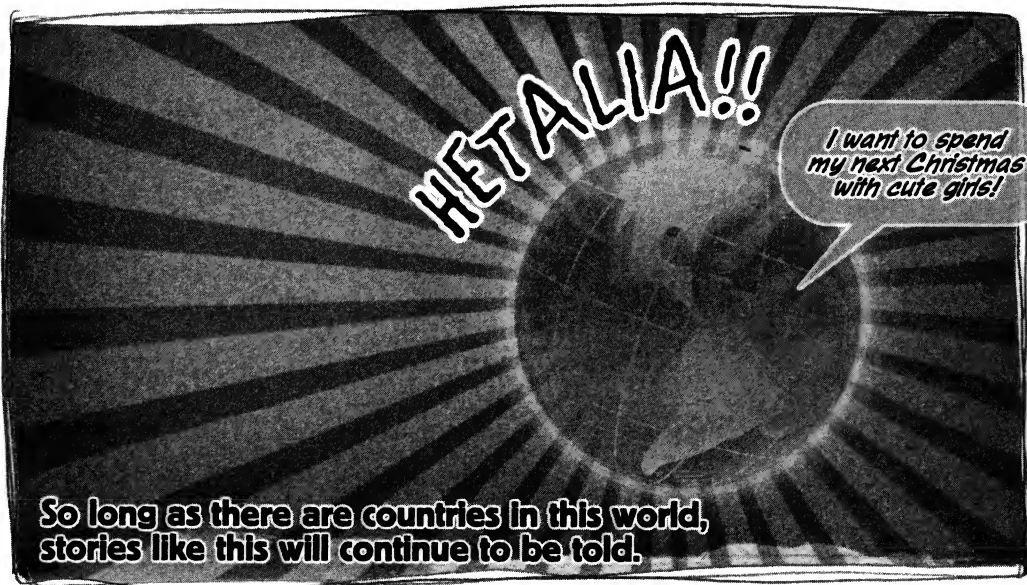


Oseibo: Seasonal gift given during winter.











Thank you for reading this book! I, Hidekaz Himaruya, wrote this while I was studying in New York.

New York is an exciting place full of many different races and ethnicities. One of my original ideas for this manga was to create a story about really useless (hetare), uncool heroes with New York as the setting. While I was researching different personalities for the countries, I found a website with a bunch of ethnic jokes.

Throughout my research, I kept seeing jokes about Italy's military like: "Do we have enough white flags?" or "While everyone else was fighting, Italy was busy retreating." Seeing silly little tidbits like this got me interested in the Italian military and ended up forming the foundation of the manga. Initially, Hetalia's Axis Powers was intended to be a one-shot story, but somehow it ended up being an entire series. God must've been on vacation in New York. To those of you that picked up this book, I can't thank you enough.

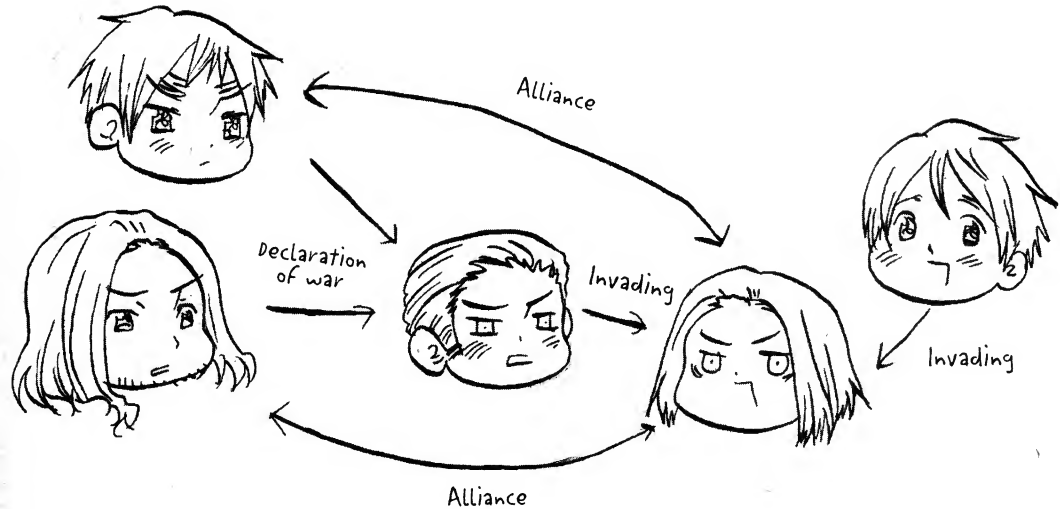
## POSTSCRIPT



My editor Takahashi-san  
All the readers who visit my website  
The designer who produced such a wonderful cover  
The printing company  
All the people and websites that inspired me to write Hetalia,  
Thank you so very much.



## **“These Guys Never Get Tired of Fighting” Relationship Chart**



Toward An Unknown Tomorrow

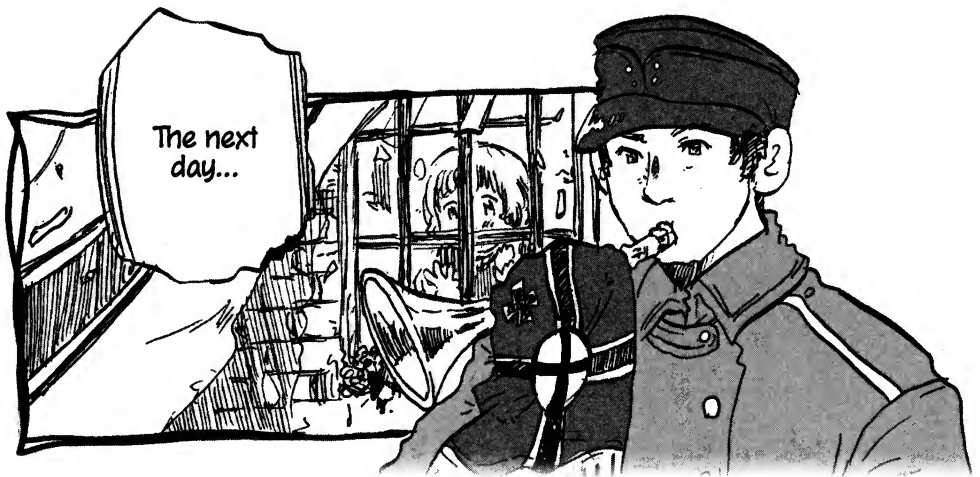


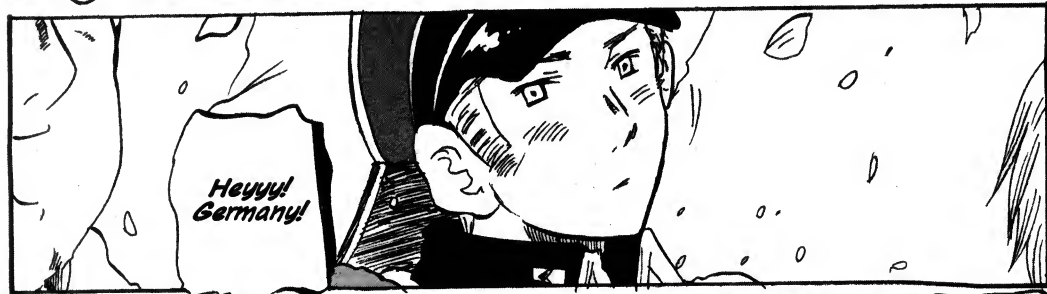
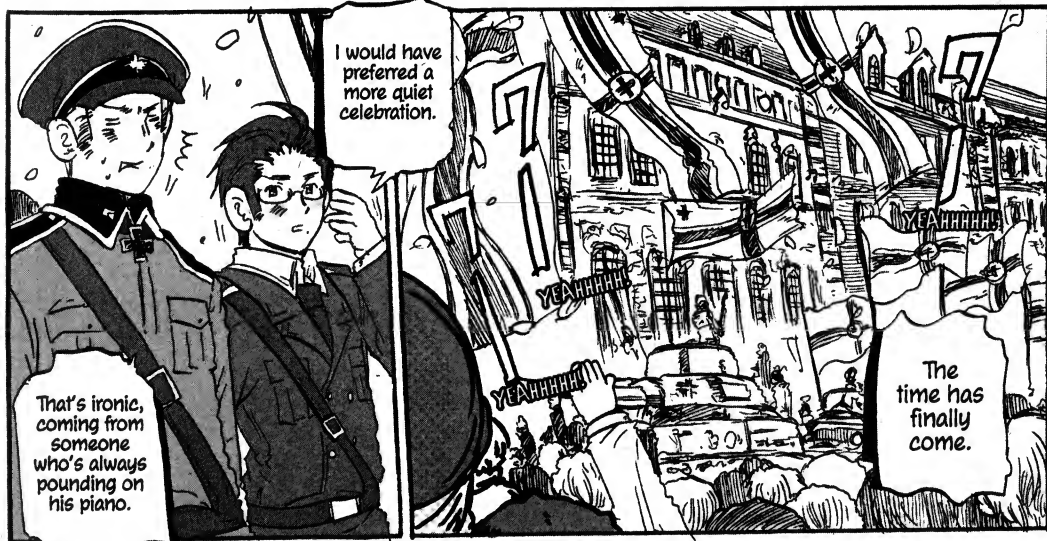
*With a big military parade just around the corner, the strong and silent Germany was feeling a bit distressed.*



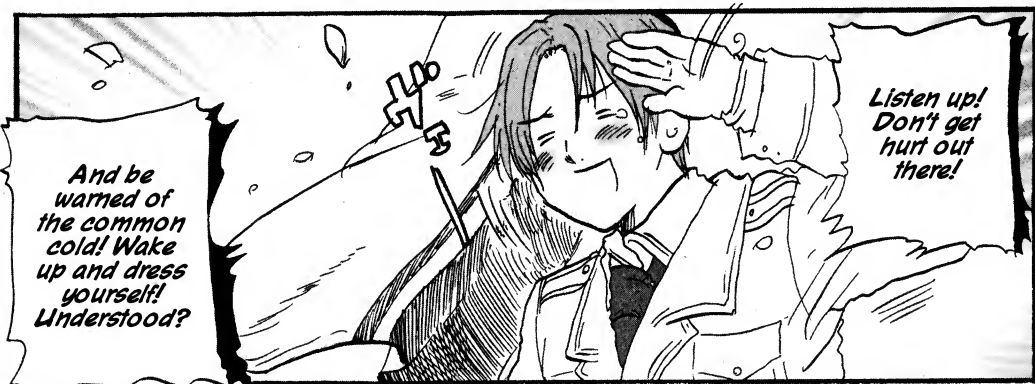
# **Toward An Unknown Tomorrow**

## **--Preview--**



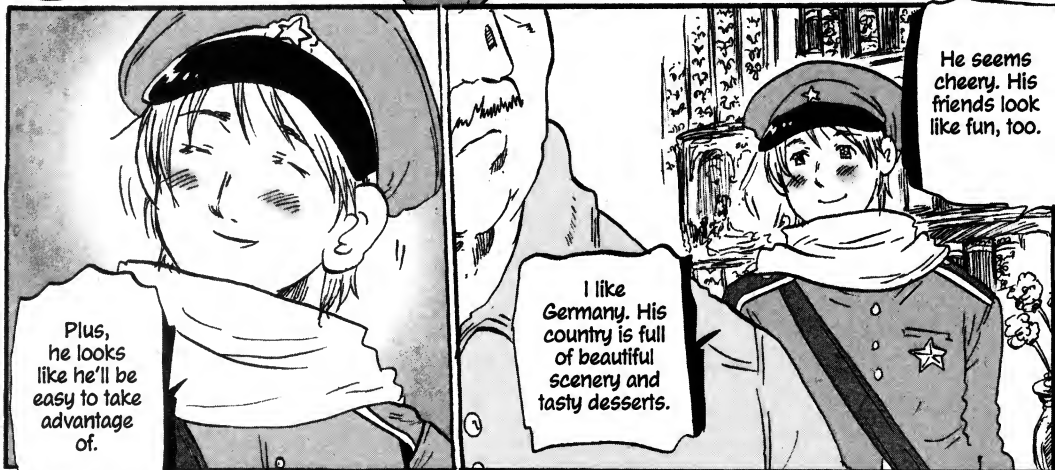








So...what can you tell us about Germany?



Plus, he looks like he'll be easy to take advantage of.

I like Germany. His country is full of beautiful scenery and tasty desserts.

He seems cheery. His friends look like fun, too.



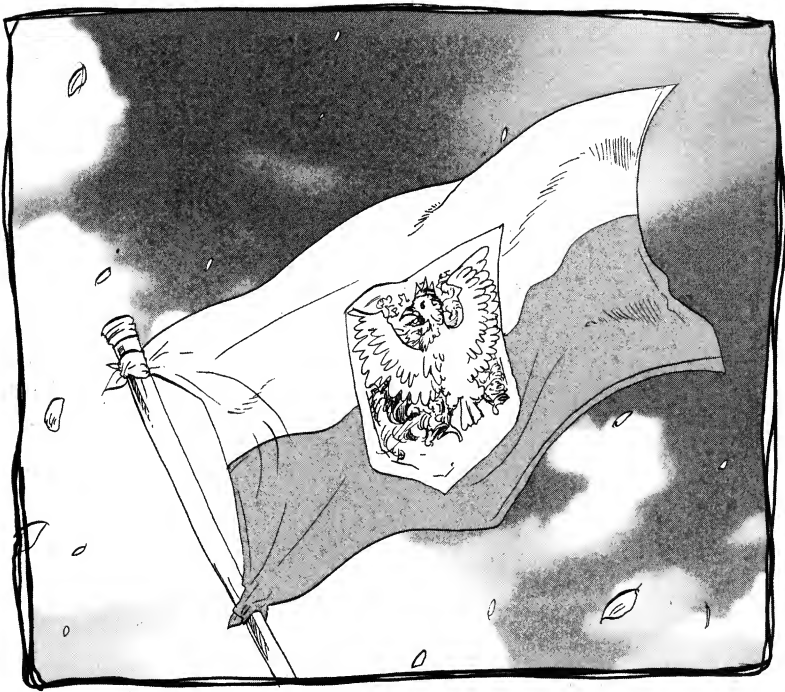
We'll declare war against Germany!!

There's only one choice, and you know it!

Germany is on the move, huh?

Damn, I guess this is it.

What shall we do, England?



*Dream goes on...*

*and, to be Continued...*

**To be continued in  
Hetalia Axis Powers Volume 2...**





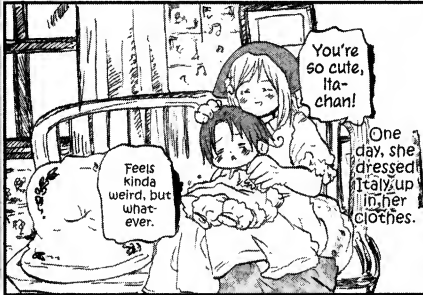


# HETALIA

## Translation Notes:

✓ Honorifics in Hetalia

TOKYOPOP has chosen to include honorifics to maintain the original feel of the story as much as possible. Here are some examples:



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### -chan

A term of endearment usually given to younger children by their elders. In Chibitalia, Hungary and Spain affectionately call Italy, "Ita-chan." It pretty much means "Little Italy."



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### -san

Used when addressing one's superiors (age and/or rank). The Baltic States refer to Russia as "Russia-san" because they are ever so fearful of him. In Chibitalia, Italy must address his master with respect and therefore calls him "Austria-san." Italy addresses Hungary as "Hungary-san" because she is older.



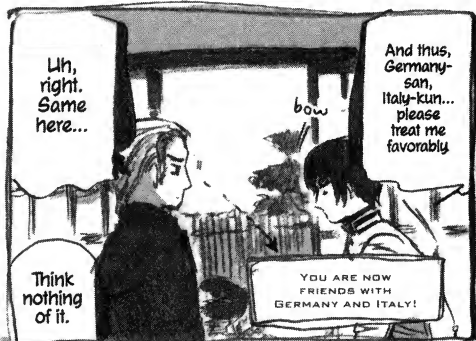
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### -kun

Typically used when addressing a young boy, hence it makes sense that Sealand refers to himself as "Sea-kun." It shows his stature as a youthful child making it difficult for anyone else to take him seriously. Also, when Japan meets Germany and Italy, he refers to them as "Germany-san and Italy-kun" showing he acknowledges Germany on the same level but considers Italy as younger (or perhaps more inferior).



# HETALIA

## Translation Notes

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### 2-D Relationships

In Japan, there is a growing subculture of men and women who delve into real, emotional and sometimes sexual relationships with inanimate objects or characters from anime, video games or manga. A person involved in this type of two-dimensional relationship has typically given up living in the real three-dimensional world and finds it difficult or impossible to relate to a real person. They are much more comfortable hugging a body pillow with a popular anime character printed on the front than having a relationship with another fellow human being.

### Oseibo:

Gift giving is a common practice in Japan. Oseibo is a gift of gratitude (or sometimes obligation) given to colleagues, clients, friends and relatives during the winter season. Ochugen is another seasonal gift given during the summer. During oseibo/ochugen season, Japanese department stores are filled with pre-wrapped gifts including food, alcohol, tea, household goods and so on.

### Kotatsu

A Kotatsu table is a very common fixture in Japanese households. Simply put, it is made up of a frame that is covered with a futon (blanket), and the table top is placed over it. Underneath the kotatsu is a heat source (usually electric). Many Japanese households do not have centralized heating systems and use a kotatsu table to keep warm in the winter. The story arc in which the Axis Powers lie asleep with half their body under the kotatsu is a comfortable, familiar scene that all Japanese people can relate to.



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Oseibo: Seasonal gift given during winter.



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# CHIBITALIA



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## China's sentences often end in "aru." Why is that? Is "aru" a Chinese word?

"Aru" is not a real Chinese word—it is a grammatical error or tic often used as shorthand to express that someone is speaking with a Chinese accent (mostly in manga or anime). Where this perception came from is fuzzy and full of contradiction, but the most popular and accepted understanding is that "aru" is from the Japanese phrase "de aru" (an equivalent of "desu") meaning "it is." In Japanese, you can say, "Korewa hon de aru," which translates to "This is a book." To express that a character is unfamiliar with the Japanese language, the "de" in "de aru" gets left out and simply misused as "aru." Thus in Hetalia, China often ends his speech in "aru." Chinese people speaking Japanese do not actually use "aru" at the end of their sentences.



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## Chibitalia:

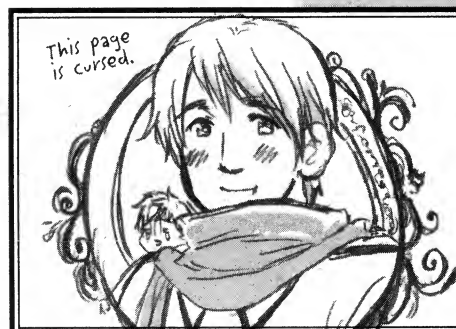
A combination of the words chibi, meaning "small" and talia, taken from the world "Hetalia." Chibi can be used as a term of endearment. For example, chibi-kyara means small character, but it is also saying that the character is a miniature (in other words, cute). Chibi can be used as an insult as well. Don't call a growing boy "chibi" as it pretty much means "puny" or "shrimp."



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## Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923

A tragic earthquake that struck the main island of Honshu in 1923. Areas affected (or more like completely destroyed) include Yokohama, Tokyo, Chiba, Kanagawa and even Shizuoka. The death count was over 130,000.



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## [Russia's Curse]

The entire Russian Orthodox Church continuously cursed Japan during the Russo-Japanese War. Regardless, Russia still lost. However, 18 years later, Japan was hit by the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923. Although his curses seem to hit the mark eventually, it is said that Russia's god is located 18 light years away. As an added note, Russian newspapers still print advertisements for curse relocation services, where you can pass your curse onto someone else.





## Dear Hetalia Fans,

Hetalia Axis Powers is finally here! First off, we cannot thank the fans enough. You are truly what made this project possible. It was the thousands of cosplay pictures all over the internet, the innumerable forums and the passionate participation in the fan community that really made us amazed at what Hetalia has done to the world. I hope you know your fandom totally blew away our Japanese partners as well. You should be proud of yourselves!

As much as I enjoyed working on Hetalia, I have to say this manga was quite an undertaking. From the start, we knew it was an extremely high-profile title and insanely loved by the fans so it was our mission to give you a truly authentic product. Therefore, we worked closely with our Japanese partners who have the direct connection with the creator. We were constantly on the phone late at night for things like naming convention of the characters and going back and forth on approvals. I was even able to snag an interview with the Japanese editor of Hetalia when we went to Japan. She has worked with Himaruya-sensei for about three years and was extremely sharp and knowledgeable. We talked about *gijin-ka* (Japanese word for anthropomorphism, the act of giving human characteristics to inanimate objects or in the case of Hetalia, countries), and she told me that Japanese people never thought of countries as people so they really appreciated the original concept. When I asked her to tell me something about Himaruya-sensei, without hesitation, she stated he's a genius and whatever he says, while not always funny, is definitely interesting and constantly gives you food for thought. Lastly, she stated that Himaruya-sensei would like his fans to consider themselves as family and continue to support the series as such. It was extremely heartwarming to hear that.

Speaking of partners, FUNimation was also a star! We have always had a strong relationship, and I believe Hetalia helped to cement it. We constantly helped each other really promote the brand itself and tried hard to get on the same page to the best of our ability. A very special thanks to Cheree and Charlene ☺

With that said, fans of Hetalia, thank you so much for your patience and participation. The cosplay pictures you posted on our Facebook wall were so much fun. Thank you for being so passionate about this series. We definitely look forward to the second volume.

Cindy Suzuki, Editor

**\*\*High five to the internal team that helped during various stages of this manga: Sharon, Lucas, Rui, Louis, Al-Insan, Ally, Vy, Andrew, Kenneth, Marco and Lillian\*\***

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